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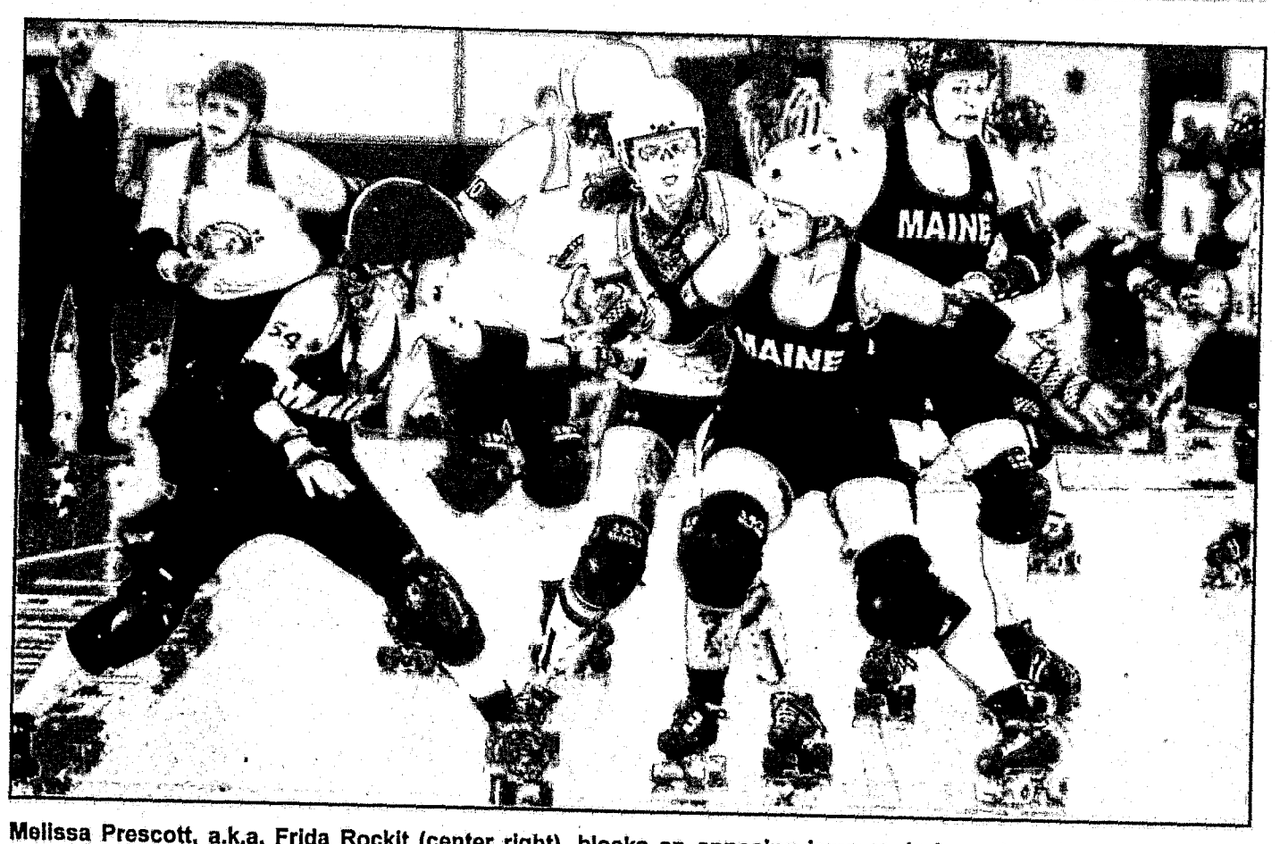

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Obituaries

RICHARD B. JOHNSTON

Richard Brown Johnston, aged 86, passed away on Dec. 1, 2015 at home in Spanaway, Wash. with his family around him. He was born July 15, 1929 in Portland, the son of Velma May Brown Johnston and David James Ernest Johnston. Dick attended Cape Elizabeth schools and graduated from Watertown High School in Massachusetts in the class of 1946. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Polly Ann (Hewey) Johnston who he met in 1942 at Cape Elizabeth and married in Eatontown, N.J. on Jan. 21, 1949.

During the war (WWII), and before joining the Army, Dick worked as a deck hand on a steam trawler on the Grand Banks, unbeknownst to his parents. He also worked with his friend Jim Smith lobster fishing out of Willard Beach, South Portland. He was a messenger, carrying messages to the Fire Department and Police and an Air Raid warden in case communications were out.

Dick told many stories of old Portland, of the sea, Casco Bay and lobster boats, which fascinated his family and friends. An avid reader, he adored reading to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He enjoyed his yearly jaunts to Alaska in summer and winter. He traveled above the Arctic Circle to Jim River camp, Coldfoot and Deadhorse on the Dalton Highway, visiting with his daughter Julie's family. He drove up to North Pole, Alaska many times, getting up in the middle of the night to enjoy the display of Northern Lights, the Aurora Borealis.

Dick loved photography all his life and took amazing pictures around the world, most of the time developing his own film. Art was also a pleasure for him, pen and ink sketches, some can be seen at the Andover Historical Society. He loved creating floats for the Andover Old Home Days Parade including a small Lovejoy Covered Bridge, used to advertise to Bicentennial of Andover Maine in 1976 and which was in the parade again forty years later in 2015. Dick also loved what he used to call "tinkah-ring" on projects. One fall there was a tornado that took out a huge red pine in the yard. He had it taken to the Farrington sawmill in East Andover and when they delivered the wood, he built a large two car garage with a sleep over area for the grandkids upstairs. The ultimate handyman, he did phone lines, electrical, plumbing and construction.

Dick loved square dancing and was the president of the, Mollockett Mixers in Rumford and a member of the Graham Mixers in Washington. He drove to Oklahoma for the National Convention in 1978. Dick was instrumental in the editing of the Andover book "Andover, The First 75 Years" and contributed artwork. He assisted with Polly's book, "Once Upon a Memory, Growing Up At Bosebuck," by writing his story to be added. His artwork can be found in "Glimpses of Olde Andover" as well.

In 1972 moved his family to Polly's grandfather's (John K. Hewey) home in Andover, where he worked for the Andover Wood Products and the Post Offices in both Andover and East Andover.

A retired Army veteran of three wars, Dick spent his career in the communications field including long-lines work in Korea, the Formosa Straits Crisis which included communications for President Eisenhower in Taipei, the Berlin Wall and the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was stationed all over the world including the Philippines, Japan, Taiwan, France and Germany, retiring from USMA West Point as an instructor. After retiring he moved his family to Nashua, New Hampshire and worked for Sanders Associates, where he had the opportunity to work on a communications filter used on the Apollo moon shot.

Dick and Polly moved to Spanaway, Wash. in 1986 to be closer to their daughters' families in Washington and in Alaska.

He was a member and Deacon at the Andover Congregational Church and served on the Pulpit Committee in Andover. He also attended Spanaway United Methodist Church in Spanaway Washington.

A well-read man who enjoyed lively discussions about world history, science and the mysteries of the world.

We shall all miss him dearly.

He is also survived by his children Melanie Jo Kerschner and her husband Dennis of Spanaway, Wash., Julie Maenette Merrill and her husband John of Andover and Joye Karlene Reier of Spanaway Wash.; grandchildren Trudi Lorraine Shaw and husband Scott, Peter Johnston Kerschner, Robin M. Kerschner and wife Wendy, all of Washington; Jonathan Lucas Merrill, Aimee Karlene Romig and husband Bill of North Pole, Alaska, Jared Logan Merrill and wife Lydia of Hubbard Ore., Emily Elizabeth McBride and husband Daniel of North Pole, Alaska; 13 great grandchildren Alex, Corrianne, Sam, Liam, Logan, Brandon, Ayden, Abigayl, Hailee, Billy, Elijah, Amelia and Tiberius; a cousin Jeff Brown of Boothbay Harbor; niece Candy Johnston of Massachusetts; nieces and nephew Lisa Roelofs and husband Henk of Michigan, Theodore Berry and wife Debbie of Colorado, Jola Berry and husband Michael of Colorado, Miki Berry Caspillo and husband Tom of Wyoming and many great and great-great nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, brother William Johnston and sister Jane Leonard.

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Music Without Borders presents Encore Recital

Mark Demidovich, an alumnus of several seasons of the summertime Music without Borders International Piano Festival at Gould Academy, will appear on campus for an Encore Recital at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, 2016 in Trustees Auditorium of McLaughlin Science Center. The program is free and open to the general public and will include works by Bach, Beethoven, and Rachmaninov.

A native of Kostroma, Russia, Demidovich graduated from the Saratov State Conservatory in 2011, then came to study for his artist diploma with Tamara Poddubnaya, artistic director of the summertime piano festival and professor of piano at the Long Island Conservatory.

Prize winner at several competitions, including the Maria Yudina International Competition, St. Petersburg, where he met Prof. Poddubnaya, and the "Hopes, Talents, Masters" Competition in Dobrich-Albena, Bulgaria, he won the Grand Prix at the Stockholm International Competition in 2010. Upon winning the Grand Prix of the LISMA Foundation International Competition in 2011, he received a full scholarship to the Long Island Conservatory, where he now teaches in the Piano Department.

He has performed solo recitals and appeared as guest soloist with orchestras in Russia and the United States. He lives in the Greater New York area, where, in addition to his conservatory duties, he keeps a busy private studio.

Soon to hold its 10th summer season at Gould, the four-week Music without Borders piano festival brings together some of the most promising young artists from Europe and the United States for intensive study with Prof. Poddubnaya, taking advantage of the school's exceptional practice and performance facilities and the warm welcome of Bethel-area residents and visitors during the several free public recitals held each week.

Age-Friendly Community news

Livability Factor No. 4: Social Participation. Studies show that people who socialize regularly live longer. We will be elaborating on opportunities in the Bethel area. If you have ideas, you may contact Jackie Cressy (rivendel@megalink.net, 824-0508).

Here are several opportunities coming right up. The Gem Theater (formerly Casablanca) is enjoying a new resurgence and developing plans for interesting programming in the future. Here's your chance to suggest movies you might enjoy in the company of friends. FMI look on Facebook or Team Bethel or contact Beth Weisberger at (347) 628-4290.

The Western Mountains Senior College begins the winter term this week. If you are a member – or wish to become one – there are six classes, ranging from the more academic, like "Reading Middle English," to the creative hands-on, like "Drawing and Painting." There are also fascinating offerings open to the public with no charge: "Cuba Past, Present and Future," presented by Inaugural Poet, Richard Blanco; a Brown Bag Lunch, "Playing the 60s;" and To Your Health, "Atrial Fibrillation." For information on these opportunities, you may visit the blog (http://wmscollege.blogspot.com) or contact Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com; 381-1110).

The SAD 44 Adult and Community Ed. Program will be offering a host of classes, including "Understanding Health Care Vocabulary" offered by local nurse Haley Tripp, with a reduced tuition of $10 for seniors. Other classes, like "Woodworking," cover a wide variety of interests. You may get more information on the Senior College blog (noted above) or by calling the Adult Ed. office at 824-2136, ext. 1340.

We hope you'll attend the Age-Friendly Community public meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, where there will be a discussion of the results of the survey disseminated in October, as well as suggestions for future projects.

Bethel Historical Society news

Exhibit areas closed through May

To allow time for staff to install new exhibits and to relocate stored materials to the new Huntoon Center at the Robinson House, the display areas at the Bethel Historical Society will be closed to the public from January through May 2016. However, the Research Library,

Museum Shop and main office will remain open by appointment during this time (207-824-2908; info@bethelhistorical.org).

Regularly scheduled events will also continue: March 26, Women's History Month program in collaboration with the Ski Museum of Maine; April 28, the Bethel Antiquarian Supper; and May 31, the official observance of the Society's 50th Anniversary!

Exciting things are happening this winter at the society, so please stay tuned for updates and details.

50th Anniversary Annual Fund update

The Society is pleased to announce that it has reached its "50th Anniversary Annual Fund Campaign" goal, assuring that our doors will stay open and educational programs will continue throughout 2016.

Special thanks are extended to the "Golden Anniversary Donors" who have made new gifts or increased their previous year's support by $50 or more.

Recent contributors are Al and Lee Barth, in memory of June Greig; Donald Christie, Jr.; Rodney B. Harrington; Roy E. Killgore; Merrill Bittner and Nancy Noppa; George and Danna Nickerson; George and Mary Stowell, in memory of Alton and Sylvia Luxton; Donald and Kathy Bennett; Stanford and Pauline Carver; Anonymous; Errol Briggs, in memory of Jonathan Bean; Michele and Scott Cole; Dawn L. Stanley; James B. Mitchell; Robert Bartlett; Anonymous, in memory of Rosalind R. Chapman; Nancie S. Coan, in memory of Beckie Bailey; Allen and Jacquelyn Cressy; Thelma Dombkowski; Susan and Bill Hamill; Barbara Honkala, in memory of Alta Brooks Sturgis; Jeff Mills, Ph.D.; Carolyn Nygren; Robert C. Parente; Bruce Powell; Matt and Kathy Ruby; John and Suzanne Schneider; Steven Spitalnik; Christopher and Susan Tarr; Suzanne Zooleck; Roberta Arbree; Keith H. Bowden, in memory of Bonnie Bowden; Virginia Cole; Ann J. Holt; Stanley R. Howe; Arlan and Ellie Jodrey; James and Deborah Oliver; Stevenson Family Charitable Trust; Lawrence Stifler and Mary McFadden.

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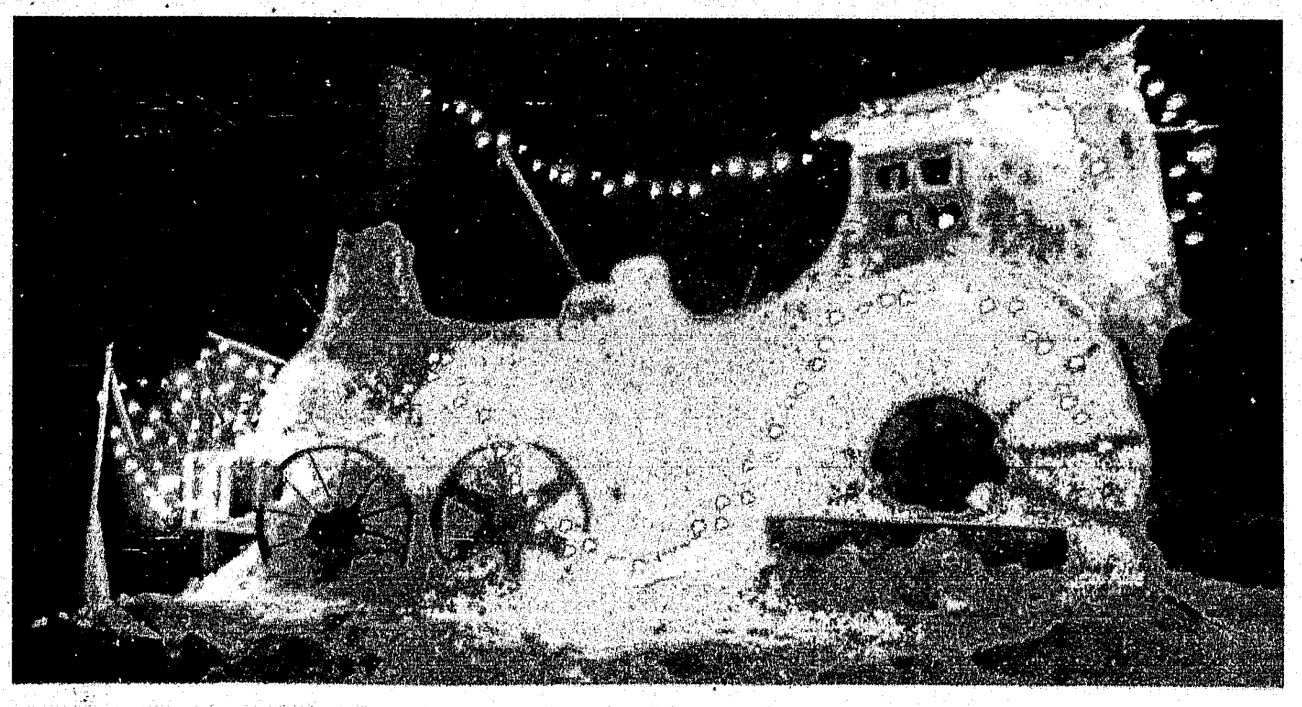

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN NEEDED

To the Editor:

There is confusion evident in the current discussion concerning the Bethel Comprehensive Plan. I suggest that readers consult the current (1998) Bethel Maine Comprehensive Plan, (Vol. 1 & 2) especially the preamble and index for clear statements of intent. Please consider carefully the following items regarding our Plan and the current opposition to it.

•It provides a good history of the nature and aspirations of our community and an inventory of our natural, cultural and economic assets and values.

•It is designed to assist our community in achieving our shared objectives and to provide long term guidance for planning the future.

•It is a shared, democratically derived responsibility of our entire community and not in any way restricted to special or wealthy interests.

•It is a "living document," meant to be reviewed and modified periodically by our citizens to meet new challenges or objectives.

•The absence of a Comprehensive Plan leaves a community exposed to such threats as reckless or undesirable development, environmental changes, natural or man-made disasters, economic devastation, etc.

Thousands of American communities have suffered grievously for lack of protection provided by a Comprehensive Plan combined with a robust system of codes and standards. Consequences of no protection include obliterated landscapes, ridgelines, hills, mountains, valleys, shorelines, etc., poisoned water supplies, rivers and streams -all with consequent devaluation of properties, and degraded living conditions.

The consequences of no protection are what ruin future prospects of our communities, and we must pause and ask ourselves why anyone would even think of eliminating the excellent work already done to protect our future. The answer, unfortunately, is all too evident in the political arena today, and we ignore that painful lesson at our peril.

Seabury Lyon
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CONGRATS TO EAGLE SCOUTS

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, I had the privilege to attend an Eagle Scout Court of Honor recognizing two young men from the Bethel area who received Boy Scouting's highest recognition; the Eagle Scout award.

The two young men are Owen Daniel Richmond and Keith Crockett-Harrington. Becoming an Eagle Scout is no easy task and is a wonderful reflection of hard work, dedication and community service. The 12 points of the Scout Law are just a small reflection of what scouting is all about, but should give you an idea of the character and values that shows what these young men stand for: A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent. The Scout Oath goes on to share; On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

In this day and age when our world seems to be in tremendous turmoil in so many areas, it's wonderful to see young people like Owen and Keith who will be stepping to the plate to show us that there are still a lot of really great young people out there who have the kind of values and skills that will carry us into the future.

I'd like to use this letter to extend my heartiest congratulations to these fine young men and their parents, and I'd like to encourage other young people to become actively involved scouting.

Greg Fraser
Newry

CORRECTION

UPDATED SEWER RATE FIGURES-An article in the Dec. 17 Citizen about proposed changes in the Bethel sewer rates should have listed the current annual cost for a single residence with average usage of 1,500 cubic feet as $495. Under the proposed changes, that residence would pay $880 annually, an increase of $385. For a residential unit plus another three units (a multi-unit building) using a total average of 1,300 cubic feet annually, the annual charge under the current system would be $1,941. Under the proposed system, it would be $1,384, a savings of $558. There were errors in the town's calculations in the figures provided last month.

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COME TO THE SEWER RATES MEETING

To the Editor:

A recent notice was sent to residents of Bethel from the town announcing the Jan. 25, 2016 public hearing to be held in the Bethel Town Office at 7 p.m. It outlined proposed changes to the sewer rates charged to various users. I have done some simple conversions and computations so that the public can be fully informed as to how they are currently being billed with the way they might be billed with the new proposal. Both the Bethel Water District and the Bethel Sewer District use cubic feet rather than US gallons.

1 US liquid gallon equals .13368 cubic feet of liquid.

Toilet gallons per flush: If your toilet was made: Before 1980 = 5 to 7 gallons; 1981-1991 = 3.5 gallons; After 1992 = 2.5 gallons; Current = 1.6 gallons.

A shower head can deliver between 2 and 5 gallons of water per minute depending on when it was made or how it is configured. The average shower ranges between 8 and 10 minutes in length.

Older clothes washers (1980 or older) can use between 40 and 45 gallons per cycle. A newer standard unit will average about 23 gallons per cycle and a new energy efficient one about 13 gallons.

The average dish washer uses between 4 and 6 gallons per cycle.

A little simple math will show residents not only what their water and sewer usage is but the associated costs. Users should keep in mind that both the water and sewer districts charge by cubic foot, not gallons, and also that the bills are for a three month period (quarterly).

As an example: The average person flushes a toilet five (5) times per day. A single pre-1980 toilet (like many Bethel homes) will use 35 gallons per day or 245 gallon per week or 3,150 gallons per billing period. That leaves only 590 gallons for everything else, bathing, clothes and dish washing, floor mopping, you get the idea, without incurring additional costs. Keep in mind that the use of the 3,150 gallons for flushing is for just one person. Multiply that by the total number of house-hold members for a more accurate number and that's only for flushes, nothing else.

The new proposal would allow each sewer connection 500 cubic feet or 3740 gallons of usage per billing period before additional charges of $.12 per cubic foot (7.48 gallons) were applied.

Bethel residents who are connected to the sewer system should mark their calendars to make sure they attend the Jan. 25 Public Hearing. Their input is extremely important.

Bud Kulik
Bethel

COME TO AGE-FRIENDLY MEETING THURSDAY

To the Editor:

Today is the day! You're invited – no matter your age – to this afternoon's public meeting to review community responses to the survey the AARP Age-Friendly Community Project administered in October. You'll want to hear how the Bethel area community felt about how well the community currently provides for its senior population to "age in place" and what areas need addressing in the future. We hope to see you at the West Parish Congregational Church at 4 p.m., today!

Allen and Jacquelyn Cressy
Bethel

From the Bethel Town Manager's Office

By Christine M. Landes

As always, it is my pleasure to provide this bi-weekly column for the citizens of Bethel.

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18, 2016 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday morning.

One last reminder that dogs need to be licensed. After Jan. 29, 2016 (the 31st falls on a holiday) there will be a $25 per dog, late charge. Remember to bring in a current rabies certificate.

A Public Hearing for newly proposed sewer rates will be held on Monday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. here at the Town Office. Written comments will be taken until that time. If you have any questions about the proposed rate structure, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office for further clarification.

The Bethel Citizen area of the Cole Block has had several windows replaced, new siding, new oil tank, and insulating of the duct work. There will be some insulation blown into that renovated area in the next week. Stop by and look at the new windows out back. They were specifically ordered to adhere to our historical recognition and Mr. Wheeler has done an amazing job with the project.

I would like to congratulate Amy Bernard; Newry's new Town Administrator. With her prior experience and knowledge I am sure she will be a great asset to that municipality! I am looking forward to having her as a partner in regionalized projects that Bethel and the surrounding communities develop and grow. Welcome aboard Amy!

Please remember if there is anything I, or the employees of the town, can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

From State Sen. John Patrick

Solving Maine's drug crisis: It's time to get it done

I don't need to tell you that Maine is in the middle of a drug abuse crisis. Every day around the state, people's family members, neighbors and friends are overdosing on heroin and other deadly drugs.

It isn't news that we're losing Ronald Reagan's "War on Drugs." Too many people believe the only approach is to try to arrest our way out of the problem. But when we lock up one drug dealer, another appears to take his place. There continues to be demand here, so dealers know they will find willing buyers.

But I do have some welcome news: the Maine Legislature is considering a plan to truly address this epidemic with a comprehensive approach that addresses both the supply and the demand for drugs in our state.

Trying to end this scourge by rounding up all the dealers hasn't worked, so we're going to take a more expansive approach.

We're going to open a new 10-bed detox unit, increase access to residential and outpatient services for uninsured Mainers, and double the number of Peer Support Recovery Centers in Maine. Right now people who want to get off of heroin often have nowhere to go or can't afford treatment. That is wrong. The grip of a heroin addiction is strong both physically and mentally and can't simply be willed away. Someone who wants to get clean faces a long road to recovery. We should do what we can to help them along the way.

While we know we need to get smarter about the fight by focusing on treatment and recovery, we're also going to stay strong on law enforcement. Last year we provided six more agents to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency (MDEA). This plan adds 10 more. If someone tries to prey on Mainers' addictions, they will be caught and they will serve time.

While this plan was negotiated by top Republicans and Democrats and already has broad support, it must still be thoroughly reviewed by the appropriate committees. There lawmakers will review the proposal line by line to ensure that our money will go towards effective programs to support Mainers recovering from addiction and hunting down the dealers who are peddling these drugs.

There's been a lot of hot air from Gov. Paul LePage about this issue, but we know the drug crisis is much too serious for politicians in Augusta to keep making this a political football. It was recently announced that on average five people are overdosing every day here in Maine.

The governor has done a great job of yelling at people and pounding his fist on the table. But we have a plan now – let's vet it quickly and thoroughly and get good programs in place to connect those who want recovery and to stay clean with programs that can help them achieve that. There are lives are at risk.

CORRECTION

WORDS CUT OFF IN LETTER-A sentence in Stan Howe's remembrance letter on Ina Grover in last week's Citizen should have read: "Ina was, perhaps, most 'famous' for her yeast rolls, which were always so good and eagerly sought by her numerous 'fans' at every church supper." It was a production error.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. The deadline is 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Against odds of 800,000 to one, Dr. Kevin Finley drew a perfect hand in a game of cribbage at the Suds Pub.

Telstar senior Dean Caddigan made 50 out of 50 attempts to win the western division title in the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches State Foul Shooting Competition.

Deaths: Wendell S. Brewster, Barbara M. Adams, Dorothy A. Heikkinen.

20 years ago: Steve and Peggy Wight celebrated 25 years in business at Sunday River Inn on New Year's Day.

The family of Hilda Donahue held an open house in honor of her 90th birthday, at her home on Church Street.

Births: Dana Maple Feeney, Mariha Jean Morin.

Deaths: Thomas C. Elliott, Edith C. Herrick, Lillian C. Bartlett, Eino J. Heikkinen.

30 years ago: Local Cub Scouts held their winter carnival at Telstar's athletic fields. Team events, such as sledding for distance, were followed by a family cookout.

Comet-watchers braved below-freezing temperatures to get a peek at Comet Halley during an Adult Ed-sponsored program conducted by Larry Arsenault.

Deaths: Grace M. Glines, Leon M. Wilson, Paul A. Gaudreau.

40 years ago: Audley Green presented a program of 17th and 18th century harpsichord music in Bingham Auditorium.

A recreational ski touring program for Crescent Park students was being organized by parents in conjunction with the Sunday River Inn.

Death: Lena M. Merrill.

50 years ago: The Bethel PTA was sponsoring a skating rink on the Common.

The house and barn belonging to the Chester Herrick family on the Flat Road in West Bethel was destroyed in an early morning blaze.

Birth: Chris Ann Averill.

Deaths: Daniel G. Brown, Mrs. Lila Bennett Heath.

60 years ago: The Sunset Rebekah Lodge held a food sale at the Odd Fellows Hall to benefit the Polio Drive.

David R. Hastings of Fryeburg announced he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for County Attorney of Oxford County.

Births: Linda Sue Card, Susan Jane LeClair.

70 years ago: Fire in the former Mark Allen store at Bryant Pond caused an estimated $3,000 damage.

Two cabins from Sunflower Farm in Hanover were moved to Rumford.

80 years ago: Everett Cross of Greenwood was to undergo surgery for a ruptured pupil at the Eye and Ear Infirmary in Portland following an accident that occurred when he was working in the woods.

The Lewiston store of F. W. Woolworth Co. was destroyed in a $75,000 blaze.

Birth: Donald Libby McInnis.

Death: Jesse Stiles.

90 years ago: A snowfall of 18 inches was recorded at Bethel on January 9.

Millard Clough and George Hopkins papered and painted the lodge room and anteroom at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Deaths: Mrs. Arvilla Morgan, Mark E. Perry.

110 years ago: A Flinch party was held at the Prospect Hotel to benefit the library.

Dr. and Mrs. John George Gehring sailed aboard the steamship "Celtic" from New York. They planned to visit Alexandria, Cairo, Greece and Southern Italy during their four month trip.

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FUNDING FORMULA

The NWC also discussed the possibility of a separate, formal district process to alter the local funding formula. The committee has no authority itself to pursue that, they said, but Bonnie Largess could request it of the School Board. The School Board discussed the issue a year ago, but declined to initiate it then.

She is expected to request the topic as an agenda item for the School Board's Jan. 25 meeting in Woodstock.

To go with that plan, Wight suggested that leaders in the various towns might be approached to urge their school directors to support the process this time. The NWC agreed that proposing a meeting among town managers and leaders on the idea might be a good next step. Wight said he would bring it to his fellow selectmen at their next meeting on Jan. 19.

The NWC panel members also said they might consider temporarily suspending or delaying further work on negotiations either during or after a potential funding formula change process.

"We would save money," said Sysko.

They stressed they do not have the authority to actually stop the process, however, because it had been approved by a town vote.

MEETING QUESTIONED

At the beginning of last Wednesday's NWC meeting, former Selectman Brooks Morton submitted a statement questioning the process leading to the recent discussion by Selectman Jim Largess with Murphy and Polak on the possibility of looking at a funding formula change.

Before that discussion, Largess had met with Sysko and another NWC member, William Andrews, about the idea of approaching Polak and Murphy. Morton questioned if it had been proper for that meeting to take place.

Andrews said all three of them had repeatedly declared to each other that they were acting as individual citizens, not representing their committee or board.

But, asked Morton, "When does an elected official stop being an elected official? When does an appointed committee, who's on a mission, get to act on their own as a citizen?"

He said he believed that in this case, the move was improper, "because this is at a critical juncture."

Resident Tama Drown said she believed Jim Largess' discussion with Murphy and Polak would not have happened if he were not a selectman.

NWC Attorney Dan Stockford said, however, that the officials only have authority in that capacity when acting with their boards, and if they made it clear they were acting as citizens he did not see anything unlawful about it.

"It doesn't look good," replied Morton.

Andrews said when he and Sysko met with Largess, they all expressed frustration with the process with SAD 44, and Largess offered to approach Murphy and Polak with the funding formula idea "to get us off the dime."

NWC educational consultant Mark Eastman said that as long as the effort was legal, "Anyone interested in getting us off dead center, I'm going to them them a pat on the back. I'm very frustrated that we can't get something for the voters of Newry."

Morton then said he was satisfied with the explanation.

TAXES, ANGER

On the issue of local school funding, Drown expressed frustration that while Newry property owners might pay a tax similar to the rest of the district, as SAD 44 has argued, the fact that such a large percentage of the taxes in Newry goes to SAD 44, she said, means there is proportionally much less to spend on town needs. Of a theoretical $10,000 individual tax bill, said Drown, $7,000 would to SAD 44 and $3,000 to the town.

"Newry can't survive on the amount of money that's left. We can't fix our roads," she said.

She cited pie graphs prepared by Newry Deputy Town Clerk Kelly Scott from the most recent town reports obtained by Sysko from district towns that break down how tax money in each town is allocated (on the town website at www.newrymaine.org/wc/WCdocs.php, along with other withdrawl-related documents).

Regarding the lack of progress in withdrawal negotiations, Andrews said he has heard from Newry citizens who "are angry, knowing that nothing is happening. These are people - who in some cases are not in favor of withdrawal - but they're in favor of fairness."

The committee also noted a letter they sent Dec. 21 to SAD 44 that included a request for a new withdrawal negotiating proposal by Jan. 22.

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community.

Bethel businessman Ron Savage attended Monday's meeting. He agreed with Bennett.

"Businesses need to get their message out," he said.

He said that the business directional signs (on state roads) in Bethel that were approved two years ago look "very nice. We can do the same thing with the [on site] business signs."

After the discussion Bennett moved to "hold tight on any enforcement to do with banners at this time," allowing the ORC a chance to work on the ordinance. It was unanimously approved.

HEART AND SOUL

The selectmen also voted to delay, until next year, any involvement in a proposed "Heart and Soul" project. The town had approached Greenwood, Woodstock and Newry about also joining.

"Heart and Soul" was described by a Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative representative last fall as a program that follows an "explicit process" to bring community members into projects supporting business, nonprofits and other community efforts.

It is a project of the Orton Family Foundation of Vermont, which recommends that a full-time coordinator be hired for a period of about two years.

Bethel Town Manager Christine Landes said that initially a local effort could be funded with $4,000 shared among participating towns for a coach to train a coordinator during the two years. The Orton Foundation has offered an additional $10,000 a year for each year toward the coach, Landes said. But an estimated $80,000 would be needed over two years for the coordinator, likely coming from private grants, she said.

The selectmen were wary, however, citing current efforts relating to the town's Comprehensive Plan, sewer rate changes and the difficulty in getting people to serve on town committees.

"I'm not totally committed. It seems like we have a lot on our plate," said Carter.

Resident Al Cressy noted there are also numerous other planning activities going on in town currently.

Bennett made a motion to "say 'no' to this now and hope it comes up at a more opportune time." It was unanimously approved.

COMP PLAN

Selectmen also voted to ask the town's Comprehensive Plan Committee to turn its attention to the possibility of crafting a strategic plan, with a focus on economic development, instead.

The CP Committee, meeting for the past two years, has been in a stalemate over how thorough a process would be needed to update the 1998 plan. State law requires towns that have impact fee ordinances to have a plan, and Bethel has a sewer impact fee.

But at the committee's last meeting last week, several businesspeople turned out and criticized the plan, which outlines broad goals for the future on such topics as land use, as being unfriendly to business. The suggestion was made to eliminate or redesign the sewer fee to remove the plan requirement for Bethel, and instead look toward a strategic plan. The latter plan more commonly focuses on town infrastructure planning, but can have some components of a Comprehensive Plan.

Landes said she was still awaiting guidance from the Maine Municipal Association on how to deal with the sewer fee, which could also affect the ultimate fate of the CP Committee.

Savage and businessman Dennis Doyon urged selectmen to emphasize an economic development component in any strategic plan process.

"You're going get more bang for your buck if it's a strategic/economic development committee," said Savage. "You're going to get those people who are going to want to be on it ...What's the strategy moving forward, both for the town and the businesses? You're on the same team. This will get the businesses working with the town, instead of fighting with the town."

Derby

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and around the world.

Teams skate on a flat, rather than banked, track, which is less expensive to build and maintain.

"With flat track, you can play on any concrete or gym floor surface," said Prescott, who has been participating in roller derby since the fall of 2013.

Earlier that year, she took a group of middle school students to the roller rink at the River Valley Recreation Center in Mexico as part of Telstar's Winter Fun Day.

She found she enjoyed roller skating, and became interested in using it as a fitness regimen. That spring, she joined a class called Derby Lite at the Happy Wheels Skate Center in Portland.

"Derby Lite uses the skills and drills of roller derby, but is non-contact," she said.

The exercise program, which began in Chicago and is now offered in a dozen locations across the country, welcomes women of all ages, fitness levels, and abilities.

After a few months of building her skills through Derby Lite, Prescott decided to take things a step further. She tried out and won a spot in the Maine Roller Derby League, founded in Portland in 2006.

Roller derby revival

Roller derby was popular as a spectator sport in the mid-20th century, with bouts held at premier venues like Madison Square Garden.

The sport gradually became more theatrical in nature, and in the 1970s it was syndicated and bouts were staged, similar to WWE wrestling matches. By the middle of the decade, the popularity of roller derby had declined.

Several attempts to revive the sport did not succeed, until 2001, when the first all-female league to be run entirely by women was formed in Texas.

Within five years, there were more than 80 similarly run leagues in existence.

The leagues are run like businesses, with a tight organizational structure, said Prescott, who serves as vice chair of the Maine Roller Derby board of directors.

The 2006 A&E documentary-style reality series "Rollergirls," about the Texas league, enhanced the sport's renewed popularity.

The Women's Flat Track Derby Association, formed in 2004, now has over 350 full member leagues, as well as 71 apprentice leagues.

"It's everywhere. I don't think there's a state in the country where you can't find roller derby," Prescott said.

In addition to Maine Roller Derby, there are six other women's roller derby leagues in Maine, as well as two men's leagues.

Members from all of the Maine women's leagues make up Team Maine Roller Derby, which competes against teams of the best players from other states in high-level tournaments.

After the end of the 2015 WFTDA regular competition season last June, Team Maine Roller Derby held weekly practices at tracks around the state from July to December before heading to Florida to compete in the State Wars Roller Derby Tournament in Daytona Beach.

It was Team Maine's second trip to State Wars. In 2014, they had lost all of their five bouts. At last month's tournament, they won three out of five, to finish in eighth place overall.

In February, Team Maine Roller Derby heads to Hatfield, Penn. to compete against nine other teams in the Battle of the All-Stars State Tournament.

"An Act to Promote Roller Derby"

Despite the fact that roller derby is thriving in the state, a statute currently on the books in Maine means it is technically illegal to deliberately cause a collision on skates.

Complying with the statute would make it impossible for roller derby skaters to do the very things that define their sport—bumping and pushing one another as players known as "jammers" attempt to make their way through a pack of "blockers" and then to pass the opposing team's jammers on the track.

Prescott said the law originated as part of the Roller Skating Safety Act of 1991, long before the current resurgence of roller derby, and was intended to protect the operators of roller rinks from liability.

The statute has never been enforced with regard to roller derby events. However, because Maine Roller Derby hopes to expand the sport by creating a junior league, and has recently embarked on a capital campaign to raise funds to purchase its own property for a rink, it is important to the organization to remove any legal barriers to the sport in Maine.

"An Act to Promote Roller Derby" was introduced to the 2016 Maine legislative session by Rep. Diane Russell, D-Portland. It seeks to end the prohibition on contact by providing an exception for games and practices that are part of officially sanctioned roller derby events.

Maine Roller Derby took the lead on the new legislation, but Prescott said they are working closely with the state's other roller derby leagues as stakeholders.

When a public hearing on the bill is held in Augusta, she said, "we'll go to the State House in roller skates to testify."

An inclusive community

Prescott says the benefits of roller derby go far beyond entertainment, and revolve around the ideals of community, athleticism, and teamwork.

Unlike most competitive sports, roller derby draws participants of all ages. It's common for women in their 40s to take it up for the first time, and some skaters continue into their 70s.

"Roller derby appeals to people who have played other sports in the past, but also to people who have never thought of themselves as athletes," Prescott said.

"What it does for people's body image is amazing. You see that your goal is not to shrink your body. You are eating well and working out for a purpose."

The sport's inclusivity extends to gender identification as well. The WFTDA's website states that the organization "will actively work to promote a climate that is welcoming and inclusive of transgender, intersex, and gender expansive participants."

"If you identify as a female, you can play, which is unlike any other sport in the world," Prescott said.

She said Maine Roller Derby has over 70 members, including skaters, officials, and volunteers, all of whom support each other.

For example, the league recently rallied around a skater whose sister lost everything in a home fire.

"People get very connected to the roller derby community," Prescott said.

Maine Roller Derby's two home teams, the R.I.P. Tides and the Calamity Janes, will compete in a Winter Classic bout at Happy Wheels Skate Center in Portland on January 30.

For more information about the league, see their website, www.mainerollerderby.com or follow them on Facebook.

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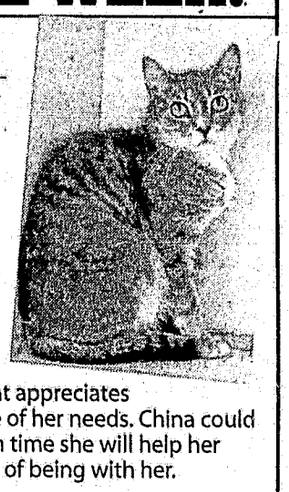
Meet China



Did you inherit your grandmother's china? If you did, you know how precious it is because it holds memories of good times. It is also delicate and needs to be handled carefully.

China, the cat, is like fine porcelain. She is beautiful and needs to be handled in a gentle manner. She is a quiet cat that doesn't call much attention to herself when there are visitors in the shelter. She needs to be with someone that appreciates her beauty and will be considerate of her needs. China could be someone's prized possession. In time she will help her new person make good memories of being with her.

Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs; and the holding area for stray dogs for 12 towns in Oxford County.

Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris Tues, Wed, Thurs: 12-4 pm; Fri: 12-6pm; Sat & Sun: 12-5pm. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website atwww.rpc.petfinder.com.

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'Cause for Laughter' joins forces with Exchange and Pantry

Back for its fourth year, "Cause for Laughter" will be held at Mt. Abram on Jan. 23.

Established to raise funds for local needy families, Cause for Laughter has announced that beginning in 2016, proceeds from the event help support the efforts of the Bethel District Exchange & Food Pantry, according to a press release. Proceeds will also continue to support Kelly Martineau and her children, Tucker and Ava, through the Go Fund Me campaign, Tucker & Ava: A Cause for Laughter. Visit https://www.gofundme.com/tuckerandava

The doors open at 6 p.m. with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Attendees must be 21 years and older to attend. A $15 buffet, regular menu items and drinks may be purchased at the Loose Boots Lounge. Tickets are $20 and include a $10 voucher toward a 2016 lift ticket at Mt. Abram.

Cause for Laughter was founded by Kathleen (Kate) Carroll, who serves as its Committee Chairman and in-house comedienne. A group of dedicated volunteers organizes the evening of entertaining and sometimes raucous comedy. Fundraising is accomplished with a live auction, raffle and a 50/50 raffle.

Mark Turcotte of Comedy Fix and one of Maine's truly funny guys is joined by Johnny Ater as co-emcees with Carroll. Comedy Fix is an independent fundraising organization bringing some of New England's best stand-up comedians to Maine to benefit local charities.

Ater recently spearheaded a fundraising show for the Bath Food Pantry.

"The Cause for Laughter committee could not be more excited about our partnership with the District Exchange," says Carroll. "It's a natural fit and we believe it broadens the appeal of this annual event. It also pulls together even more community spirit."

Items in the Live Auction range from perennial donations such as a two-night stay at any North American Omni Hotel, dinner for four at the Top Shack at Mt. Abram with owner Rob Lally; a three-hour private skiing session with Gould's Matt Erickson and an original painting by Gary Polonski. In addition, Ted Bidwell is donating an original painting, treasures from home collections will be included and many locale businesses are contributing.

Rooster's Roadhouse, Loose Boots and the Cause for Laughter committee members have tickets for sale; tickets will also be for sale at the door. Rooster's Steve Etheridge is again the auctioneer.

Greenwood

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enforce it," she said, through the code enforcement officer. The officials agreed that Sparks should talk to CEO Joelle Corey-Whitman about it.

Selectmen also announced they will hold a small celebration at their Feb. 2 meeting in observance of the Feb. 1 200th anniversary of the signing of the town's incorporation papers.

A more extensive celebration is being planned for Aug. 12-14 by a town Bicentennial Committee.

Wind ordinance

The board received a new proposed wind power ordinance from the Planning Board. Although one had been prepared in 2011, it was never brought to the town for a vote, Sparks said. An updated one has been prepared with the help of planner John Maloney of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments. Residents would vote on it at a Town Meeting.

Sparks said that while Maloney said he is not well-versed in spelling out requirements for restricting noise emitted by wind towers, the Planning Board believes the proposal is adequate. They noted that decibels observed can vary according to such factors as wind direction and temperature, and can be difficult to pin down.

Sparks said there have been some concerns expressed by residents regarding the recent purchase of a 6,000-acre parcel of land off the Greenwood Road, near the town's Highway Department Garage, by a large developer. She said that while no one had specifically contacted the Town Office with interest in a wind power project, she had been contacted by an engineering firm with questions about a wind ordinance.

In other business the board decided to postpone a decision on partipation by the town in a potential "Heart and Soul" project. They want to see what Bethel decides first, since it would likely need to be a regional effort (see related story this page).

Sparks also announced a Jan. 20, 10 a.m. workshop meeting planned with Saunders Mill owner Louise Jonaitis, to discuss future options for the mill that would be allowed under the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

Bethel

By Donald G. Bennett

The SAD 44 area's Head Start program is located at the West Bethel Early Learning Center and is operated by Community Concepts. Head Start turned 50 last year, having begun as a summer program through local public schools in 1965.

Classroom activities at West Bethel Early Learning Center were in full swing Thursday when I paid a visit. A number of people in town that I have mentioned the West Bethel school house to recently have told me that they went to school there. Today's Center has an outdoor, very much up to date playground that looks much like the Davis Park children's play area. Cindy Mills, Becky Hunt, Maryvonne Wheeler and Brenda Blaisdell are the current teachers and staff. Fifteen children were present on Thursday.

At first I think the kids wondered who I was and what was I doing there? When I pulled my camera out some were interested in getting the pictures taken. After showing them how the photo came out some wanted me to take another one with a different pose. One little girl who was very proud of the paper she had just finished held it up for me to photograph.

Back in the days of the town's district school system, the West Bethel School averaged an attendance of about 24 students during the three term school year. For many years the West Bethel School building was located on what is now Barker Road which until the current Route 2 was put in after 1914 was the main road between Bethel Hill and West Bethel village. Then children walked to school.

The Frozen Rush and Red Bull: I got to South Ridge after the Frozen Rush race was over and the crowd was starting to leave. The truck race made the Channel 6 news Friday evening. When I left home in the morning to go to Norway a line of cars heading to Sunday River ran from our house all the way to Telstar. Also the Brew Pub's parking lot was Friday afternoon. Red Bull was still around at South Ridge. Plenty of out-of-town money flowing in.

At Paul Legault's 1888 Barn sign the posting read: "12 dogs of Xmas was filmed here." Do you remember when? What year was the movie filmed here?

In 1941 – Readers of the Citizen had this pipeline news: June 26, 1941 Portland to Montreal Pipeline Planned – Will Transit Bethel; new line will speed shipment of crude oil from Portland to Montreal refineries

A 236 mile oil pipeline from Portland to Montreal should be completed by Oct. 1. Work crew of 250 men has started already in Gorham. Cost of pipeline is estimated at $8 million. Line will run from South Portland through Raymond and North Waterford passing through Bethel. It will be laid through Lancaster, N.H., and cross into Canada in Northern Vermont.

The line is being constructed now due to a shortage of oil tankers and much shipping time will be saved over sea transport north to the St. Lawrence and down the river to Montreal's refineries.

Pumping stations will be located at North Waterford and Raymond; these will be operated by electricity. The pipeline will transit this area in West Bethel crossing the Flat Road and entering Mason at the Edmund Smith farm.

Children at the West Bethel Early Learning Center. Destiny Leeman and Logan Gaudreau; Jozlyn Robinson and Hope Heath.

This project is part of the national defense effort. It will be the first pipeline laid in the northeast. Standard Oil of New Jersey will be in charge of U.S. construction. Seamless steel pipe will be used. When operational, 50,000 barrels of crude will be received daily in Montreal.

Authority for the line's construction comes from the United States Lend Lease Act, where the U.S. is obligated to get crude oil to Canadian refineries. The pipeline is expected to save the 10 to 12 days it would take to transport the crude by ship. Construction will require hundreds of men giving a real economic boost to the area.

Bethel

By Nancy Brown

Much of the snow that we got last week was gone by late Sunday night, washed away by all-day rain storms and temperatures that hovered in the mid-forties most of the day. My rain gauge registered an unofficial two inches of rain at the end of the day. Although cold temperatures last week made it possible to walk on some of the shallow ponds, by Sunday night warm temperatures and rain made the ice on ponds and lakes unsafe again.

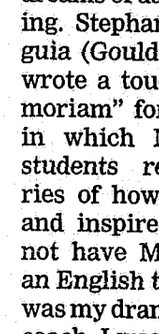
Sunday's hard rain and wind also knocked the rest of the leaves off the red maple tree in our back yard. It is unusual for maples to hold onto their leaves after November. Marcescence, the term that describes leaf retention in the winter, is common in other hardwood trees such as the oaks, beech, and witch hazel. Scientists do not know exactly why these trees retain some of their leaves through the winter. One theory is that leaves are retained so that they fall in the spring adding nutrients to the soil at a critical time for the trees. Another theory is that the leaves protect the new buds from browsing animals, such as deer. The orange brown of the oak and beech leaves adds a blaze of color to the winter woods. I enjoy the sound of the dry leaves rattling in the wind when I snowshoe. They also give a bit of shelter to the birds.

I wrote last week that I had just received my winter 2015 issue of The GAzette, Gould Academy's magazine. Along with the news of former classmates and school activities was the sad news that former faculty member John Munger died in April 2013. He was only 67. According to the 1969 yearbook, the Herald, Mr. Munger was an "instructor of English." But he was much more. He taught us acting, directing, all aspects of the theater, writing, and photography. Mr. Munger was a concert-level pianist and a professional dancer and actor. He left Gould after two years (1967-1969) to pursue his dreams of dancing and acting. Stephanie Stokes Leguia (Gould class of 1970) wrote a touching "In Memoriam" for the GAzette, in which Mr. Munger's students recounted stories of how he mentored and inspired them. I did not have Mr. Munger as an English teacher, but he was my drama teacher and coach. I was not a particularly good actor, but he taught me how to get over my fear of public speaking. Generally, that has been a good thing in my life; sometimes it has gotten me into hot water. "Always speak your mind," Mr. Munger would say. "Grab the opportunity." That was how he lived his life. Mr. Munger's memorial service can be viewed on YouTube (https://youtu.be/5DOnf2I6sMA).

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



Well, here we are mid-January and where is the usual Maine Winter? They saying is "comes in like a lion, goes out like a lamb." I sure hope it doesn't work the other way around or we will be in trouble.

According to all my conversations with folks, most spent quiet Christmas and New Year time together and didn't venture too far.

In keeping up with some of the neighborhood kids, I talked to Bettyann Hastings, and Summer Franklin has a second CD out, yet this is only secondary to her as she is only 15 and second year high school. Her education and involvement in church are very important to her. Her brother, John, is a junior in high school and is already receiving Letters of Intent due partially for his skills in football. The neighborhood wishes you well, and also all the others young ones in the neighborhood.

Do call me at 507-1008 or e-mail me at heinrichcracker@gmail.com and let us know what you want to share, have questions about or whatever.

Sadly, it is official now; Laurence and Marcia have left the Country. Myself and many others will miss them. Darn, I could never fool Laurence when he asked me how I am and would say ok or fine... his response being "liar." I miss this very much. Guess I will also have to try "Skype" to stay in touch.

Have a great week.

West Bethel

By Karen Paul

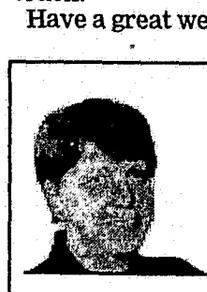
My most memorable family experience happened in the winter of 1960. Dad came home from a week in the Great North Woods and announced to mother that there would be a logging camp open due to a few French-Canadians who couldn't be part of the woods crew. Dad worked for Charlie Brown a couple of years in Magalloway building camps, driving log trucks, and doing mechanic work on the big equipment. This particular year Charlie had a job atop Moose Mountain where dad, David Fleet, Ben Kellogg, and Harry Taylor worked and lived together on the side of the mountain.

Charlie had four trucks consisting of two Chevies, one GMC, and one Mac. These trucks were licensed to haul 48,000 pounds each. The crew mostly cut and moved white birch to Hanover Dowell Mill in Bethel and Newton & Tibbetts in West Bethel. Dad mentioned they did haul 4,000 feet of oak to a plywood mill in Stratford, N.H.

Our big cabin was built by my dad and others from pine left over from the hurricane of 1938. When the crew was building a road to the top of Moose Mt. they found quite a lot of large downed pine where the road needed to be. These giants were wrapped in 3 to 5 inches of rotted bark and wood and on closer inspection the trees were a beautiful pink inside and the wood looked great. Dick Davis sawed the pines into 12 inch boards 16 feet long. Although the trees were 3 feet through, they only took the butt and next cut and left the tops. When all was said and done, they took out 4,000 feet of pine lumber in a single load. Twenty-two years after the hurricane and the lumber was still beautiful.

Our cabin in the woods had no facilities or running water. The roof and outside walls were covered in tar paper enough to keep out most of the northeast winds, but not enough to keep us warm. Water for drinking and dishes came from a nearby brook, which my brother Sherwood had the job of whacking open with a hatchet and scooping up enough in a pail for inside use. When we awoke every morning it was 32 degrees inside and everything that could freeze did freeze. Being only 5, 6 and 7, we kids waited under our grey wool army blankets until the pine kindling in the old Round Oak stove began to crack and pop.

I remember the racing and pushing every morning as my siblings ran to the only chair which was snuggled up to the stove. The old rocker with a ratty old cushion was where my mother sat and knit after



The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

From the TWISI archives:

The holidays are officially over. I don't base that so much by the date on the calendar but more on the fact that my Christmas tree is now a sad fixture in the snowbank by my driveway.

A part of me is always sad to see the season of good cheer come to an end and part of me is grateful to have life return to normal. That's not to say normal life (if there is such a thing) isn't without good cheer, but it's not so much the Ho, Ho, Ho variety.

Now we get back to the more mundane ways of life. We settle back into our routines at home and work and hunker down for a long, cold winter.

It's right about this time in January when I realize all the things I put off until "after the holidays". That became my excuse for everything I didn't want to do. For example, my floors really needed washing before Christmas, a chore that doesn't rank real high on my favorite to-do list. I could rationalize that there would be a lot of family in and out tracking in snow and sand so I might just as well wait until "after the holidays."

And balancing my checkbook is another "after the holidays" chore I put off. At a time when I should have been right on top of it I would just check my balance online and pray it would be a positive and not a negative.

Of course the pile of ironing kept getting bigger and bigger. I didn't consider it an issue because I was on vacation over Christmas and didn't care if my clothes were wrinkled or not. I know I should take the clothes right out of the dryer and put them away and then I wouldn't have wrinkled clothes, but I let them sit around getting wrinkled and figured, what the heck, I'll iron them "after the holidays."

It's right about this time in January when I realize all the things I put off until 'after the holidays.'

There are a bunch of other things I let slide until "after the holidays" and now that it really is "after the holidays" it is time to pay the piper so to speak.

My floors are a mess; the hardwood has so much dirt on it that it's beginning to look like indoor/outdoor carpeting from the '60s. I don't even remember what color my kitchen floor is. There is no choice; I have to tackle that unpleasant chore.

It makes me sick to even look at my checkbook. I like that old saying, "I still have money in the checking account because I still have checks." I still have my debit card too, but I used that so much over Christmas that it darn near melted. I can't let this go on any longer. I have to face just how anemic my checking account is and figure out how much macaroni and cheese we'll have to eat until the next payday.

The ironing apparently isn't going to go away and I just need to deal with it too. I can't continue to dress like a bag lady.

So, first thing this morning I balanced my checkbook or at least I came pretty close. Then I looked at my pending bills and realized that they will have to pend just a little longer. But I'll get them under control with the next pay check.

Tonight I'll get the ironing taken care of and vow to fold the clothes as they come out of the dryer from now on.

As for the floors, well, there is another storm coming and they'll just get tracked all over, which won't do much for my good cheer. The way I see it I should wait until spring when the snow is gone. At least that's a lot sooner than "after the holidays."

I wish you all a very happy New Year. May your good cheer be with you throughout the year and may your "after the holiday" chores be few.

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we went to bed. Being the middle child and not being very aggressive, it seemed I never made it to sit in the chair in the morning. One cold morning I decided I would beat the other kids and win the rocker for myself. Beaming, I ran to the chair and plunked my butt down only to feel an alarming pain in my derriere. My mother's knitting had been laid down on the chair cushion when she shuffled off to bed.

Continued next week.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich

Recent visitors to Linda Putnam and Paula Smith in North Andover were Jennalee Putnam and friend Kevin from Clemson, South Carolina and Joel Ryan Putnam and friend Heidi also from Clemson.

On Saturday, patrons of the Andover Library on Church Street had an extra added attraction of seeing nine huge spruce trees come down on the Frank Emerson lot. The Emerson brothers and assorted others including Alston Roberts were behind the undertaking. I was fortunate enough to see the last tree come down.

The Budget Committee continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Town Office. They were presented with the Town Office Budget on the 13th which the Selectmen constructed at a special workshop session on Saturday. The office budget is consistent with last year's figures. The overall budget so far has some reductions and some slight increases as department heads were very aware of the yet unknown school budget for 2016-17. Every effort was made to keep the cost of town government down.

Over the last several years there has been a lot of talk about a re-evaluation and $10,000 has been set aside annually for this costly project. The re-eval is necessary as our sales ratio has dropped to 84 percent. One way this figure impacts a property owner's tax for instance is in the Homestead Exemption which is tied to the sales ratio by state law. Last year the full figure was $10,000 to be subtracted from the property owner's total evaluation. At 84 percent sales ratio that figure drops to $8,400. A re-eval takes a lot of preplanning and the earliest we could be ready for such an endeavor now is 2017, as most companies who do this kind of work are already booked for 2016.

Over at Andover Elementary, former teacher and Principal, John Emery is subbing for Principal Karen Thurston (his former student) while she is on maternity leave. The students have been asked to participate in a drawing contest. The winner's artwork will appear as the cover of the Town Report. There is also a prize courtesy of Selectman, Chairman, Jim Adler.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Sheridan Thornton whose memorial service was held on Sunday afternoon at Meader and Sons in Rumford.

Hanover

By Maria Holloway

Home Sweet Andy Home

Last Friday was move-in day for Andy Barlow at his new home on Crooked Brook Road. With just a few finishing touches left to go, Andy is now enjoying the comfort and warmth of his beautiful home in time for winter. Andy and friends thank all of you who have supported the project, whether it be through your hard working hands, donations of equipment and supplies, or financial contribution. The remarkable Andy Project is Hanover history. "The house a village built" exemplifies the spirit of community and the power of what can be accomplished through hope, caring and inspiration. Welcome home, Andy!

Andy Project commemorative T-shirts are available for sale at the Hanover Town Office or the Library for $15 in both adult and children's sizes.

Eagle Scout Awarded

Congratulations go out to Keith Crockett-Harrington for having achieved the highest honor of Eagle Scout Rank in a Court of Honor Ceremony held last week in Bethel. Throughout his Scouting career Keith earned 26 merit badges – five over the required 21 for Eagle Scout status. His 2014 Eagle Scout Service Project was the construction of a Picnic Pavilion for the Town of Hanover. His brother Kory and other members of Boy Scout Troop 565 of Bethel participated in the ceremony. Scout leaders Dean Richmond and Tom Deluca presided. Keith is the son of proud mom, Kelly Harrington (Hanover's Town Clerk). See photo and more details in this issue of the Bethel Citizen.

Please send me your news, comments, questions at HanoverMeNews@gmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By Amy Wight Chapman

The Local Hub is now open late on Friday and Saturday evenings! Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. is Taco Night, and Saturday is Burger Night. Both these menu items are made with Carter's Farm beef, raised right nearby, in East Bethel, and vegetarian alternatives are available, too.

It's been a long time since the building that now houses The Local Hub has been open late at night, but way back when I started working at Bob's Corner Store in the late 1970s, we stayed open until 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, an hour later than on the other weeknights. I occasionally worked from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. – that was by my own choice, since I loved working there and probably would have done it for free back then.

Joyce Hathaway reports that Louise Seames has now entered the same nursing home that Raymond is at, close to their daughter's home. Joyce says that Louise made the decision herself, and both are happy to be together again.

Time for some trash talk. At last week's meeting of the Greenwood-Woodstock Transfer Station board, it was decided that the "swap shop," which is currently closed for the winter, will reopen in the spring, but only if volunteers can be found who are willing to be responsible for its operation.

Transfer station employees have said that keeping the swap shop running and orderly takes a lot of their time and they would prefer to see it closed. Despite signage, they have had problems with people leaving unusable or inappropriate items, or leaving vehicles blocking the bulk trash and metal recycling bins while they visit the swap shop.

Some residents, as well as some members of the board, however, have expressed that the swap shop provides a valuable service as a way to pass items that are no longer needed by one person on to someone else who can use them. Besides the neighbors-helping-neighbors value, this reduces the amount of bulk trash the towns must pay to have hauled away.

After hearing from a friend in New Hampshire that the towns in her area have volunteer-operated swap shops, I searched for information on line. It appears that having volunteers run the swap shop, or having it open only a few hours per week, or a combination of both, are all common solutions.

In Wellfleet, Mass., for example, the transfer station is open seven days a week for eight hours per day, but the swap shop is open just three mornings per week.

The town of Bedford, N.H. hires an independent contractor to run its swap shop, which is open 15 hours per week. (Their transfer station is open almost 40 hours per week.)

In Durham, N.H., a volunteer coordinator manages the swap shop volunteers, who each work a shift about once every other month. With someone willing to take charge of volunteers, this sort of system could work for our transfer station. (If you're that person, please let the town manager or one of the selectmen of Greenwood or Woodstock know!)

Most town websites I looked at stress that items left at the swap shop should be clean, working, and usable, and many place restrictions on the types of items that can be donated.

Incidentally, while most towns simply call it the swap shop, my favorite name comes from the Midcoast Solid Waste facility, which serves Camden, Rockport, Lincolnville, and Hope. Their volunteer-run swap shop is called "The Pick of the Litter."

E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman

What is going on with this weather? I am not a big fan of snow, but pouring rain in January is not very appealing either. I am writing my column on Sunday afternoon and it has been raining for a few hours now and is supposed to keep going for quite a while longer.

My brother, Steve McLain, was in town last Saturday. He likes to check on the Dupont house. He brought his pickup with the plow and did a good deed by removing the snow out of the end of a driveway for someone.

It was nice to see an Oxford County Deputy Sheriff in town a couple of times this past week. After taking care of whatever brought him to town, he parked on Route 2 for a while. This seems to slow the traffic down quite a lot.

Mary Tyler and her niece, Brenda Bergeron got together last week for an adventure. The two of them, along with Brenda's husband, Jeff, and son, Morgan, decided to take a trip to Wilson's Mills to see if there were any deer anywhere. They traveled all around, but did not see any. They did see other wildlife, such as a couple of Bald Eagles. They ended up in Errol for lunch before returning back to Berlin.

Our son, Chris, called last Sunday and filled us in on their short vacation over the holidays. They went to visit Kym's mother, Sherry Mulholland, in Denver, Colo.

Gilead Historical Society

Besides working on closing the books for the Town of Gilead, I have been busy doing the same for the Gilead Historical Society. Both are time consuming, but the GHS is a lot easier. The information is all compiled and ready for the accountant. Dues are also coming in for 2016. Now that the GHS is caught up, it is back to work on the town accounts.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt

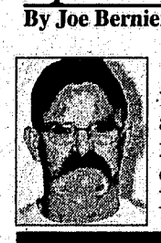
Franklin Grange 124 met at the home of Ken and Alice Hoyt on Saturday, Jan. 2. It was reported that 11 filled Christmas stockings were given to the Woodstock Town Office to distribute to families in need from the Grange. Ways to make money were discussed. Ruby is to look into a couple ways. Next meeting is Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. at the same place. A potluck lunch was held.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. Bloom for girls aged 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. Saturday, Jan. 16 at 7 a.m. is Men's Fellowship Breakfast. Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. is the Church's annual meeting. If you are a voting member, plan to attend. Sunday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. the church will be hosting missionaries Larry and Melissa Strout. Please join us for this special service.

The following is from Larry Billings, who lives in Bethel. He observes, "I have seen the greatest museums in the world." He knows what makes a great museum. Any town he works for is bound to have a great museum complex. He is now working for Bethel and its complex. Their already great museum will be even greater for what he can manage to give. His contribution will be one among many, but will make some difference, at least.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



I believe there was an ice fishing shack on Umbagog Lake last Friday. There certainly was something that looked like a man-made structure east of Big Island. No way would I venture out onto that lake with the current ice conditions.

The television meteorologists are predicting some snow for later this week. Maybe winter will make another attempt to show up, better late than not at all I suppose.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your local news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham

The snow is coming. Mid-January and we may get out first real snow storm. Of course it may just be a few inches, but we can only wait and see. Dave brought wood in so I should be all set. I just need to make sure we have enough gas to run the plow. Of course, there is a new store that opened on Route 118 before the Lake store, so we may be able to get more if we need it.

Sunday, Jan. 10, I attended a meeting of Mountain Poets. It was a great meeting although we were missing some people. Some have gone south for the winter, others have other obligations. Next month we meet on Valentine's Day and may begin to plan for our April Too Cold for the Porch reading.

Been looking at all the Adult Ed offerings at SAD 17. Hope to be able to attend a few. There is one on Gluten Free Baking, one on breathing, a Chinese language class and a Chinese writing class. If I can find rides, I may sign up for some. Need to get out more.

Friday, Jan. 8 at Waterford Library there will be a coffee hour from 10 to 12. All are welcome. FMI call 583-2050.

The new medical building of Stephen's Hospital opened. Haven't been there yet, but I think it would be nice to check it out. Too soon to tell the effect on traffic in the area. I know local residents have been concerned, but hopefully they will be pleasantly surprised.

Monday, Jan. 18, the Knit and Chat group will meet at the Waterford Library from 2 to 4 p.m. All levels of knitters are welcome. FMI call 583-2050.

That is all for this week. Enjoy the snow and stay warm. If there is something you would like to share, please give me a call at 743-0583.

OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, Jan. 4

At 10:38 a.m. a caller reported his windshield was cracked by ice that fell off the top of a tractor trailer on Main Street in Woodstock. Deputy Matt McDonnell contacted the caller.

At 12:26 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to Andover for a harassment complaint. He spoke with two parties before giving a verbal warning to one.

At 1:20 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell served a protection from abuse order on a subject in Andover.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

At 3:20 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to the intersection of Gore Road and Bird Hill Road in Woodstock for a two vehicle personal injury crash. One subject was taken to the hospital. The Woodstock Fire Department assisted on scene.

At 1:45 p.m. Deputies Matt McDonnell and Derek MacDonald responded to Skiway Road in Newry for a vehicle off the road. Investigation revealed the driver was OUI. He was arrested.

Thursday, Jan. 7

At 11:14 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney spoke with a subject in Newry about a harassment and trespassing issue. The subject was given a warning.

Friday, Jan. 8

At 9:35 a.m. Deputies Dani Welch and Josh Daley stopped a vehicle for an expired inspection sticker on Sunday River Road in Bethel and subsequently arrested the driver on an arrest warrant.

At 6:17 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to Albany for a report of an assault. The incident was under investigation.

At 11:52 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward responded to Newry for a report of an unwanted intoxicated subject. The subject was given a criminal trespass warning and a disorderly conduct warning.

Saturday, Jan. 9

At 9:20 a.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to Bog Road in Gilead for a report of harassment. One party was given a warning.

At 8:40 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward responded to an accident on the Greenwood Road in Greenwood. The vehicle was on its side, almost in South Pond. No one was injured.

At 9:15 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward took a report of criminal mischief on the Flat Road in Bethel. The incident was under investigation.

At 10:17 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker investigated a single vehicle rollover on the Interval Road in Bethel. There were no injuries.

At 12:33 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to Newry for a report of a vehicle theft overnight. Shortly after the report the vehicle was located at a hotel. No damage was observed.

Sunday, Jan. 10

At 8:33 a.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to Route 2 In Gilead for a single vehicle crash, with injuries. One subject was taken to the hospital.

At 9:35 a.m. Deputies Dani Welch and Josh Daley stopped a vehicle for an expired inspection sticker on Sunday River Road in Bethel and subsequently arrested the driver on an arrest warrant.

At 7:20 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to the East Bethel Road in Bethel for a trespassing complaint. A subject was warned for criminal trespass.

Monday, Jan. 11

At 2:50 p.m. a report was received of a two-vehicle accident on the Sunday River Road in Bethel. Deputies Andy Whitney and Josh Daley responded. All parties were out of the vehicles.

OCSD Jail Log

Jan. 8, 11:20 a.m.: Alicia W. Bryer, 32, of Waterford, failure to appear, by Deputy Josh Daley in Newry.

Jan. 8, 2:13 p.m.: Dolores G. Paine, 54, of Oxford, possession of Schedule W, X, Y drug, illegal attachment of plates; by Officer Shane Sullivan in Bethel.

Jan. 8, 4:31 p.m.: Morgan R. Wormwood, 22, of Albany, failure to appear; by Officer Z. Loper in Albany.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Bethel Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7PM at the Bethel Town Office, 19 Main Street, Bethel, Maine for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments on a proposed rate change in Sewer Billing. Written comment prior to the hearing may be provided to the Town of Bethel, PO Box 1660, Bethel, Maine 04217 or to info@bethelmaine.org. For more information call 207-824-2669

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Newry

By Doug Webster

At last week's select board meeting, our new town administrator, Amy Bernard, was present for her first meeting – welcome aboard. The first appointment made was to make Kelly Scott a MOSES agent, which is a person qualified to handle all of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife licensing and registrations for the state. She replaces Retta Powers who was the agent before.

The board started to grapple with how to change the town's fiscal year, as well as how to collect taxes. It seems in order to make the change the town will have to make up 6 months of taxes in a calendar year. It is obvious that the transition might burden the taxpayers with an unforeseen tax increase. Amy is going to look into ways to help soften the blow if the change is made.

Amy said she had noticed that the towns in the school district hadn't been making bulk purchases of things like paper or possibly oil together. The select board agreed that it was worth looking into. Amy said she would look into it and see what the possibilities were.

Bob Lowell, representing the cemetery committee, has found some discrepancies in the boundaries at the local cemeteries. He and the board have suggested getting the town's property boundaries regarding the cemeteries to be surveyed. In one location the town might have to do a land swap in order to get the proper outcome. The committee will continue to look into the matter.

The town office would like to remind all dog owners to license their dogs before Feb. 1. After the 1st, a late charge will be applied. Also anybody wishing to run for select board or school board must have nomination papers in by Jan. 25 at 5 o'clock.

There was a Newry School withdrawal meeting last week. Resident Brooks Morton asked the committee if it was proper for select board members or committee members to discuss other options with the school board as private citizens and outside of their committee or board roles. He told the committee that to him "process is everything." After some discussion and the committee members' disclosure statements, everyone agreed that the process is moving in the right direction. There was a lot of discussion about the school board's lack of negotiations, and the committee will continue to try and figure out a path forward.

Let's hope the weather turns around for the second half of the winter season. Probably the Frozen Rush event at Sunday River enjoyed these conditions, but the rest of us would like a little snow. The local snowmobile trails could use another storm. Right now they are still dangerous until the water bars and other hazards get filled in with snow. Stay tuned.

South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham

Happy New Year to y'all.

Paula and I have been busy with entertaining the residents at the nursing homes and Veteran's Home. We both enjoy our time with the residents every week.

We are taking the month of February off as Paula wants to go to Florida to visit her mom and her daughter, and February is usually a bad month for the flu season but we will be back in full force beginning March 14. So we are booking our dates for March.

We enjoyed our visit with the residents at Russell Park last Tuesday. A great day for them and us.

A Benefit was held at the Silver Spur Jan. 10 for a good friend who recently had 20 radiation treatments.

The benefit brought in over $1,400. Many performers entertained throughout the afternoon, auction items were sold, 50/50 tickets were sold, and lots of great raffle items were won by folks in the audience.

Condolences are going out to Helena Westleigh on the passing of her sister, Joyce Harmon Bean last week.

That's all from the valley this week. Stay warm.

Jam Stand

BY BETSY RILEY

Egg-stra Special New Year

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?" Happy New Year one and all! 2015 is in the distance, but it has a special place like all good things. Days gone by, activities of today and preparations for tomorrow bring us together.

My curiosity about how other people around the world welcome a New Year had me surfing the web this week, From Chinese cleaning preparations, grape eating in Spain, Japanese gong heraldry, Danish dish tossing, Brazilian lentil soup and the American Time's Square ball drop, the good natured sense of a New Year's welcome and good faith is globally shared. Merriment and resolutions are as bright as the fireworks that light the way into the New Year.

Ahhh, the resolutions ... legs of ambition that if left unsupported peter out. Like the French Fries that we eat one more time or the buttercream donut that is the only thing we ate all day. The wet or cold weather that kept us inside or perhaps the workload that plum tuckered us out. Unless we are resolute to the tune we toot, it's like walking through snow in sandals. At the brink of this New Year, my resolution formed without intent.

I thought of fundamentals or the building blocks that spark curiosity, mold personality and support life skill. A flash of culinary thought flamed and I was taken back to why I went to culinary school a hundred years ago, reminding me how I wanted to know why things happened when ingredients were mixed together with temperature, motion and time. I wanted to learn basic recipes that I could play with and build on. Sort of like 2015 to 2016, development happens and it's all good.

This year join me in recognizing your personal building blocks and "we'll take a cup o'kindness yet, for auld lang syne." Today, reflect on your strengths from the inside out and the day will feel new again. For us here at the Jam Stand, it starts with an egg: A magic ingredient that binds like glue. Watch out 2016 chicken farmers, here we come to clean house.

Basic Cheesecake Filling

16 oz cream cheese, 3 eggs, 2 c. sour cream

Pour into greased 9 inch spring form pan (with or without crust) and bake at 325 for 45 min. Turn oven off and leave in over for 15 minutes. Remove from oven and cool completely before serving.

For a sweet cheesecake add 1 c sugar and 1 tsp lemon zest. Top with fruit of choice.

For a savory cheese cake add ¾ tsp salt, herbs, mince garlic. (can replace sour cream with 8oz cream cheese). Top with crackers, baguette toasts and sliced tomatoes.

Basic Quiche

4 eggs, 1 c milk, ½ tsp salt and anything else (veggies, 1 c grated cheese, leftover meats, etc.)

Can be doubled for a deep dish.

Pour over prepared crust and bake at 400 for 30-40 minutes.

Basic Crepe

4 eggs, 1 c flour, ¼ tsp salt, 1 c liquid (milk, water, broth, etc)

Whisk together in bowl, let rest for 20 minutes. Heat a small saute pan, spray with nonstick spray, ladle ¼ c batter in pan, roll pan around for batter to cover pan, cook one side 1-2 min.), flip with rubber spatula, cook other side, slide onto cooling rack, repeat.

Sweet Crepes-Add 6 Tbsp each cocoa & sugar, toasted coconut, 2 Tbsp each Poppy seeds, sugar and 1Tbsp lemon zest. Fill with fruit, Nutella, bananas, sweetened ricotta/mascarpone cheese.

Savory Crepes-Add herbs, minced garlic, green onions sliced. Fill with ricotta cheese.

Jam Stand Fav ... plain crepes, filled with ricotta (2 Tbsp) placed in center of crepe, fold bottom over cheese, each side and top. Place seam side down in greased 9x11 glass pan. Repeat. Cover with foil and heat in 350 oven for 30 minutes. Serve with fresh diced tomato and basil salsa seasoned with salt and pepper room temperature. Ho, yum ... Happy New Year tummy dance with homemade manicotti.

A special note on adventure cooking. Sometimes ingredient combinations work, sometimes they don't. Just keep doing the ones that work and they'll get better all the time. Cheers to the New Year!

Next time...stone soup.

Age-Friendly Community News

The Age-Friendly Community Project is at a major turning point, and it is a perfect time for you to begin or renew your interest in the community endeavors. You're invited – no matter your age – to a public meeting to review community responses to the survey we administered in October. Even if you missed out on the survey, you'll want to hear how your friends and neighbors felt about how well the Bethel area community currently provides for its senior population to "age in place" and what areas need addressing in the future. After our professional analyst presents the survey data, we'll move on to how we might keep issues like transportation in the forefront of community planning. Please join us on Thursday, January 14, 4 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street in Bethel. In the event of inclement weather, we will e-mail those on our mailing list; you may also call Jackie Cressy for an update: 824-0508.

The survey asked about opportunities for social participation and inclusion. AARP's Livability Index for social involvement shows that Bethel ranks above the median for the US as a whole. Our preliminary research cited such community resources as churches, community dinners, the schools, The Bethel Historical Society, Western Mountains Senior College and many other institutions and groups. At the October public meetings there were some additional suggestions, such as increasing opportunities for intergenerational activities and consideration of having a senior or community center. If any of these are of interest to you, watch for ways you may contribute ideas and energy to the cause.

MLT Speaker Series scheduled

The Mahoosuc Land Trust's 2016 speaker series will take us "Into the Woods," featuring people from our area whose lives take them into our beautiful forests, for work, pleasure or renewal. Events in the series will be held across the Land Trust's geographic area, to include as many participants as possible.

The series will begin Wednesday, Jan. 20, with a presentation on trail building, featuring Ryder Scott and Gabe Perkins who will share how trails are constructed. Gabe and Ryder work with youth in the Oxford County Conservation Corps, teaching them trail-building and leadership skills. Their presentation will be held at McLaughlin Auditorium, beginning at 7 p.m.

Garret Bonnema recently completed hiking the entire Grid, reaching the summit of each of the 48 peaks in the White Mountains that are over 4,000 feet, in each month of the year – 576 summits! He will share his experience on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Shelburne, N.H., Town Hall.

On March 16, at McLaughlin Auditorium, Chris O'Brien from the U.S. Forest Service will explain the reasons for managed burns in the forest.

April's presentation will be from members of the Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue Team, whose journeys into the woods save lives. Their presentation will be on April 27 at McLaughlin Auditorium.

Brock Clukey, a local game warden, will share his on-the-job experiences on May18 in Andover.

On June 15, Darlene Akers will share her insights about the healing plants that can be found in the woods. This presentation will be held at Akers' barn in Andover, and may involve a bit of outside walking.

July's speaker will be Chuck Hulsey, regional biologist with the State of Maine. He will speak on management of deer yards, focusing on a wooded property that has recently become the responsibility of the Land Trust. He will talk on July 20 at the Albany Town House.

On Sept. 21, Amanda Moran will share her love of mushroom hunting. As a follow-up to her talk, she will take folks into the woods on Sept. 24 during Great Maine Outdoor Weekend, to discover mushrooms on the forest floor.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more information, visit www.mahoosuc.org or call 207-824-3806.

News from Telstar Middle School

BY KATHERINE HALEY

Telstar Middle School biweekly update

Biweekly, the 8th grade Telstar Peer Ambassador representative, Katherine Haley, will be reporting the news from the Middle School and will highlight a different grade. This week's report is on the 8th grade.

TMS 8th grade:

Science: Students are beginning to think about their Science Fair projects for the spring science fair while they continue to work with acids and bases.

Math: Students are working on fractions, decimals and percentages, while the Algebra 1 students are focused on elimination.

ELA: Students are finishing the novel The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare. They continue with discussions and work on character development.

Social Studies: Students are learning about the Native Americans and the explorations of Lewis and Clark.

TMS general:

Our after school organizations have been very busy! The TMS Drama Club began on Jan. 7 with Miss Hutchins who is leading a group of students in a few short skits that will be performed for our students in the month of March. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:20 to 4:00 and are open to all students! The Yearbook Group has been busy mapping out the 2015-2016 edition. They continue to meet every other Wednesday after school with Susan Gordon, and are still looking for more students to join! Meanwhile, The Peer Ambassadors and Mrs. Mastroianni have kicked off their fundraising efforts for the Cafeteria Makeover Project. Look for donation cans in and around Bethel. In addition, they are looking for donations from businesses and craftspeople for an upcoming raffle. You can contact the Middle School office for more information. The Middle School Office will be accepting donations as well. Checks can be made out to Telstar Middle School. Every bit helps! Though many parents have come forward to volunteer, they are still looking for volunteers in the parent community to help with fundraising and/or to pitch in with their artistic and carpentry skills. Congratulations are in order to the MKA Lego League Brickmasters along with group leaders, Mrs. Slattery from TMS and Mrs. Keane from CPS, who came in first in the state of Maine for innovation and strategy on their project. They now have a chance at the Global Innovation Award which could earn either $5,000 or $20,000 for their project. Other noteworthy students are our December STARS of the month: Grade 6: Grace Boothby, Grade 7: Wyatt Thielbar, and Grade 8: Calla Orino. They all deserve big congratulations.

As a reminder: The Middle School is always looking for ways to raise money for our student activity account, and Box Tops for Education is a great way that families can contribute. Just cut them out and send them in with your student(s) to the Middle School office!

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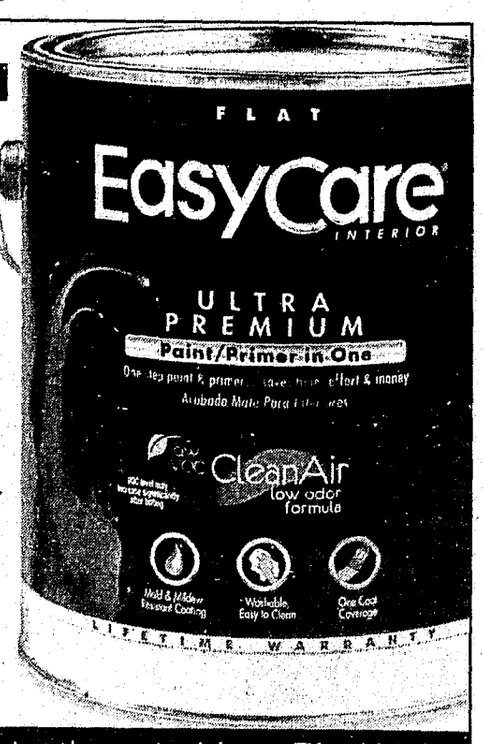

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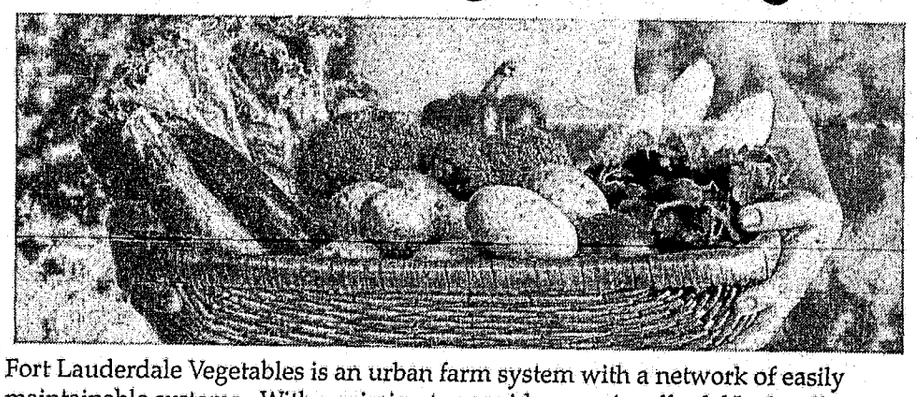

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In March 2016 the company will be introducing a new alternative spring break program. The Fort Lauderdale Farm School Alternative Spring Break Program is a weeklong all-inclusive program where students will learn urban decentralize farming in a subtropical climate zone. The 20-student body will focus on creating and sustaining an environmentally and economically sound urban farming system that will create a network of secure and healthy food sources of naturally grown vegetables, fruits and eggs.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan. 14 and 21

First Aid/CPR Course; 6 to 10 p.m., Bethel Family Health Center. You will receive a 3-year certificate in First Aid and a 1-year certificate in CPR. Limit 10 students. Instructor: Jeannine Thornton. Tuition: $55. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or http://sad44.maineadulted.org.

Thursday, Jan. 14

Bethel Area Prevention Task Force Meeting; 3 p.m., SAD 44 Main Office.

Age-Friendly Community Gathering; 4 to 6 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Hear from and talk with Amy Flowers of Analytic Insight in Lewiston regarding her analysis of data collected from over 200 Age-Friendly Community surveys.

2016 Campaign Kickoff Dinner; 5 p.m., Oxford County Democratic Committee at the Rumford Eagles Hall. Tickets $12, Seniors and students, $7. Reserve tickets at 875-2116 or info@oxforddems.org.

"Making Mistakes" Screening; 7:30 p.m., Gould Academy's Trustees Auditorium. "Making Mistakes" is a documentary travelogue in Tibet by NYU Professor Hiroshi Sunairi.

Friday, Jan. 15

Hiroshi Sunairi Art Opening; 7 p.m., Gould Academy's Owen Art Gallery. Hiroshi Sunairi is a professor in the art department at New York University, and has exhibited his sculpture/installation works internationally.

Saturday, Jan. 16

Community Supper and Palestine Talk; 6 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Jim Chandler will talk about the people of Palestine and the culture of the region. He spent 2 1/2 weeks in the country this past summer. Community Supper of baked beans and casseroles and homemade pies prior to the talk. Donations for the Smile Fund.

Women's Wellness Weekend in Andover; Storm day, Sunday, Jan. 17. Featuring: Yoga, Intuitive Tarot Readings, Reiki, Chakra Alignment, Polarity, Amethyst Biomat, Healthy Foods and more. Please call Carol Emery 392-3161 to schedule an appointment.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults: $5. The Jones Dance Band plays old-fashioned dance music.

Sunday, Jan. 17

Longaberger Basket Bingo; 1 p.m. (doors open at 11 a.m.), Locke's Mills Legion Hall, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. Tickets: $10 in advance (can be purchased at Woodstock Elementary School) $15 at the door – 16 games. Door prizes, raffles, lunch options available. You must be 16 or older to play. FMI: 665-2228 or 890-2812.

Bethel Episcopal House Church Meeting; 3 p.m. at a local Bethel home. The service and Holy Eucharist will be led by Rev. Nancy Moore of Christ Episcopal Church, Norway. All are invited and a short social hour will follow the service. For more information, please contact Rosemary Laban at 850-766-1241, or Christ Episcopal Church, 207-743-6782. We hope to see you!

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Understanding Health Care Vocabulary; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Telstar High School. This is an introductory course in medical terminology with Registered Nurse Haley Tripp for anyone who would like to better understand what your medical professionals tell you. Terminology, common problems and how to find accurate information on the Internet. Tuition: $30 ($25 for Seniors 65+). FMI: 824-2316 ext. 1340 or http://sad44.maineadulted.org.

SeniorsPlus; 2 to 4 p.m., Norway Town Office. Representatives will answer any questions or concerns you may have about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. Free and open to the public. FMI/Appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Into the Woods Speaker Series Kickoff; 7 p.m., Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium, Church Street, Bethel. Ryder Scott, Director of 4-H Learning Camps and Gabe Perkins, Executive Director of Mahoosuc Pathways will share the process of creating and maintaining safe and beautiful trails. Free.

Thursday, Jan. 21

Story Time at the Bethel Library; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street (across from the Common). Read a story, sing, and play at the library. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child. FMI call the library at 824-2520.

MMGM Third Thursday Talk; 3 to 4:30 p.m., Oddfellows Hall in the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum's Preview Gallery, 99 Main Street, Bethel. Dwight Bradley, emeritus Research Scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey, as its Third Thursday Talk presenter. His lecture, Ages and Plate Tectonics of New England Pegmatites, "will explain how we date pegmatites by measuring trace abundances of uranium and the product of its radioactive decay, lead," he says. "The age of a pegmatite shows how it fits into its region's plate-tectonic history. The lithium-enriched pegmatites of New England formed during the Devonian to Permian Periods when Africa and its fringing terranes were colliding with North America."

Saturday, Jan. 23

Health Trend Forum; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Telstar High School, Bethel. Snow date: Jan. 30. The Maine Shared Health Needs Assessment and Planning Process Project is working with Stephens Memorial Hospital and Rumford Hospital to gather community input.

Texas Hold'em Tournament; 12 p.m. (doors open at 11), Jackson-Silver Post 68, American Legion, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. $50 buy-in, $5 license, high hand option, 50/50, BYOB, light meals and beverages. FMI: Ray (890-3737).

MLT Howard Pond Overlook Hike; Participants are to meet at Hanover Town Hall at 1 p.m. to carpool to the beginning of the walk. The walk is gradual with a brief steep section at the end. Views of Howard Pond, the Mahoosuc Range and the Presidentials. If there is good snow cover, snowshoes will be needed; otherwise, please bring footwear with winter hiking traction. Dress warmly and carry water.

4th Annual Cause for Laughter; Mt. Abram's Loose Boots Lounge. Doors open at 6 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m. Attendees must be 21 years and older to attend. A $15 buffet, regular menu items and drinks may be purchased at the Loose Boots Lounge. Tickets are $20 and include a $10 voucher toward a 2016 lift ticket at Mt. Abram. Cause for Laughter was established to raise funds for local needy families.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults: $5. The Jones Dance Band plays old-fashioned dance music.

Monday, Jan. 25

Health Trend Forum; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris. Snow date: Feb. 1. The Maine Shared Health Needs Assessment and Planning Process Project is working with Stephens Memorial Hospital and Rumford Hospital to gather community input.

SAD 44 School Board Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

Public Hearing; 7 p.m., Bethel Town Office. Proposed changes to the sewer rates will be outlined.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

WMSC Brown Bag Lunch; 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Bethel Inn Library. How do YOU remember the 60's – as a child? a teen? a college student? a newlywed? In the manner of a Pub "Trivia Night," we will intersperse the 60's edition of Trivial Pursuit with other musical and visual playful pokes into the significance of that decade in our history. Join us for a purely fun time with our memories – and don't forget your bag lunch. FMI/RSVP: Nancy Davis (381-1110 or nancydavis.bethel.gmail.com).

Introduction to Self-Employment Workshop; 1 to 3 p.m., Telstar High School. This free one-session workshop with instructor Karleen Andrews of New Ventures Maine will help you decide if self-employment is the right choice for you. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or http://sad44.maineadulted.org

Thursday, Jan. 28

SeniorsPlus Long Distance Learning Program; 1 to 2:30 p.m., West Paris Library. Hear Maine Author Kendall Morse speak on his book, "Father Fell Down the Well." Free with preregistration – call 1-800-427-1241.

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Dwight Bradley MMGM 'Third Thursday' speaker

Maine Mineral & Gem Museum (MMGM) is delighted to announce Dwight Bradley, emeritus Research Scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey, as its Third Thursday Talk presenter. His lecture – Ages & Plate Tectonics of New England Pegmatites – will be held on Jan. 21, 2016 in Oddfellows Hall in MMGM's Preview Gallery from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. The museum is located at 99 Main Street, Bethel. There is ample parking.

Dwight specializes in plate tectonics, ore deposits, and geochronology, the science of dating rocks. He spent much of his career in Alaska and now lives in Randolph, N.H.

"The talk will explain how we date pegmatites by measuring trace abundances of uranium and the product of its radioactive decay, lead," he says. "The age of a pegmatite shows how it fits into its region's plate-tectonic history. The lithium-enriched pegmatites of New England formed during the Devonian to Permian Periods when Africa and its fringing terranes were colliding with North America."

MMGM Director, Barbra Barrett, remarks, "In January, we're holding the third of our series of monthly presentations. So far, we've experienced large audiences who are enthralled by the speakers, topics and depth of knowledge presented. Having Dwight in-house in January will draw mineral and gem enthusiasts from far and wide."

Each month, Maine Mineral & Gem Museum holds Third Thursdays Tours & Talks. Winter months' feature presentations are held in Oddfellows Hall in the Preview Gallery from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Summer months' feature tours are held at renowned regional geological sites. Summer times vary depending on tour location.

MMGM Preview Gallery & Store Hours: Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.maineminералgemmuseum.org.

Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 77, St. Dom's 46; Jan. 8 – Telstar scorers: Tanner Wheeler (15); Blake Rothwell (5); Aaron Vermette (9); Avry Griffin (9); Zack Stone (10); Jarrett Bean (20) Jeremiah Richardson (9). Three-pointers: Stone (2), Griffin, Vermette, Rothwell.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

St. Dom's 37, Telstar 28; Jan. 8 – Telstar scorers: Becca Howard (11); Hayley Peterson (4); Blair Stevens (2); Julie Cherkis (5); Sadie Richardson (4); Brooke Richardson (2).

High School Nordic Skiing

Jan. 5 – The Telstar Nordic Team traveled to Black Mountain to compete in a 5km freestyle race with Dirigo and Monmouth. Girls' Results were as follows: 1. Carla Boyle-Wight 16:54, 5. Marta Opie 21:10, 12. Kaitlyn Brown 28:36. For the boys, the results were: 4. Kellen True 16:32, 5. Gaelen Boyle-Wight 17:14, 7. Ricco Call 17:46, 8. 18:22, 9. Elijah Laird 17:46.

Jan. 9 – The Telstar Nordic Team traveled to Quarry Road Trails in Waterville. They competed in the Leavitt Hornet 4.5km Classic race with over 300 other skiers. Girls' Results: 6. Carla Boyle-Wight 16:52, 32. Marta Opie 18:53, 47. Kaitlyn Brown 19:55, 130. Emily Hanscom 34:52. The girls' team placed ninth out of 20 teams. Boys' Results: 39. Kellen True 16:07, 59. Josh Eliot 17:21, 68. Gaelen Boyle-Wight 17:59, 75. Elijah Laird 18:26. The boys' team placed 11th out of 19 teams. After the race the team then traveled to Colby College to visit their art museum and have dinner at their dining hall thanks to the Gear Up grant.

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League

Laid Back Installers (4-0) retained their stronghold of 1st place with a 77-64 win over M and M Carpentry (2-3). M and M's Matt Zetts led his team with 17 points; Matt Newell had 11. Bethel (2-2) pulled away from Jay (0-4) in the second half for an 83-55 win. Bethel's Dom Haines had 22 points, Corey Howard had 16, Ryan Kimball 13 and Kevin Bean and Ryan Savage 11 each.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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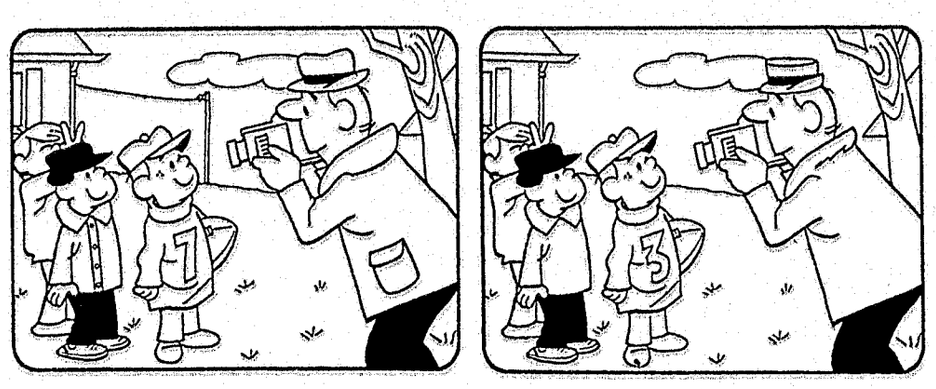

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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **S** equals **T**

ES RT HERQNY KQMSWT Y.OER, F

REDM MEZU KEWSFZFKECS

MJMCSNEOOT SEDM E SNWC

HQW SUM JMWYM.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Boost GUNMATE

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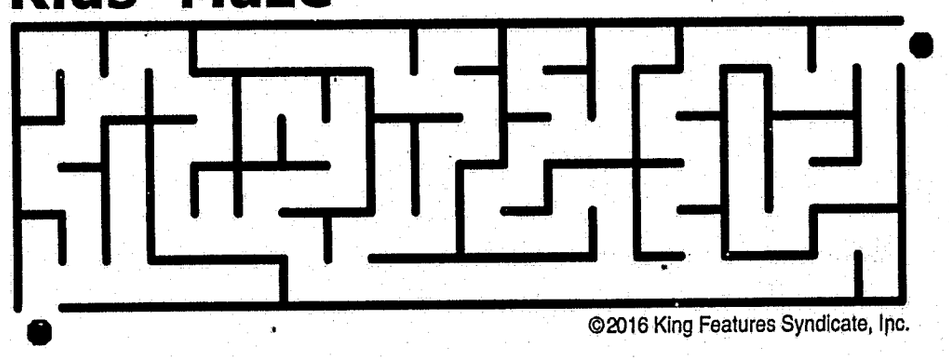
TODAY'S WORD

_____

Kids' Maze



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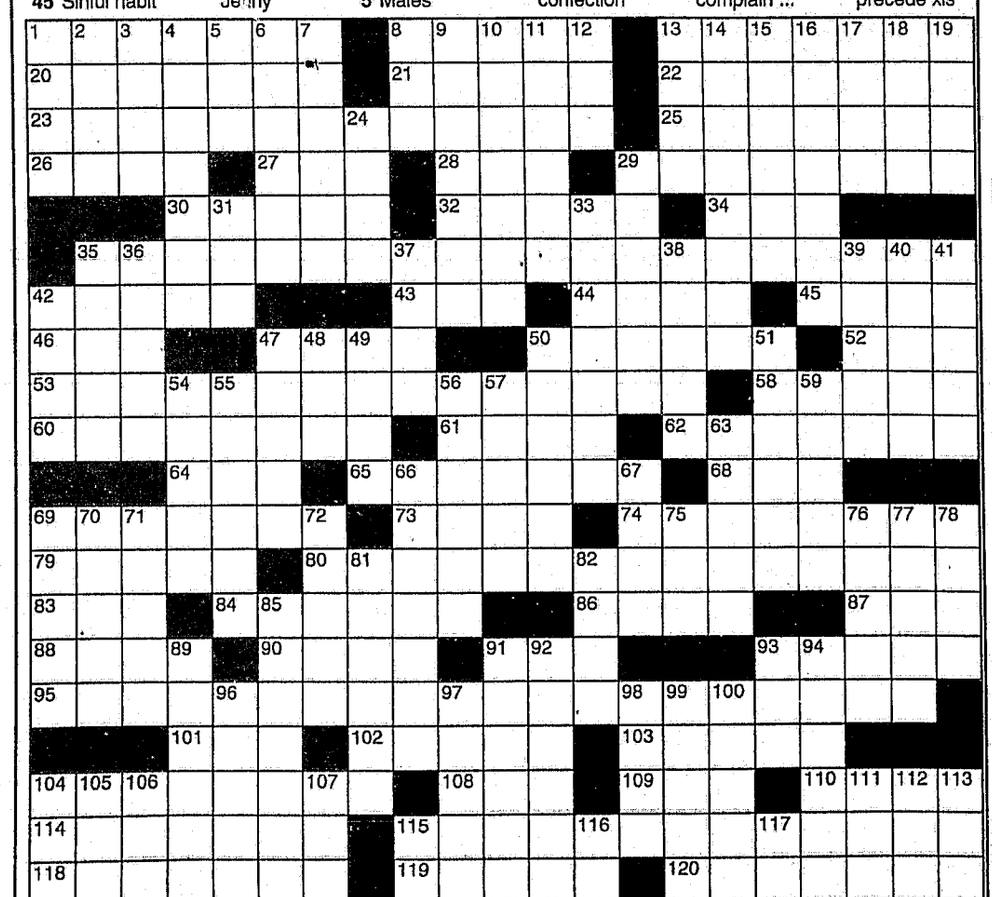
Super Crossword

KID-LIT QUACK

ACROSS
1 "I.Q." co-star Walter
8 Hearing-aiding channel
13 1990s Oldsmobile model
20 Most sore
21 Singer Katy
22 Two-time
23 Start of a riddle
25 Sweet Italian wine
26 Swizzle
27 Co- — (some apartments)
28 Blood classification system
29 Insects in the woodwork
30 Filled to the very top
32 Macchio or Nader
34 "Who's in charge here?" reply
35 Riddle, part 2
42 Wary
43 Class for U.S. immigrants
44 Tiny building block
45 Sinful habit
46 Family reunion mem.
47 Funnyman Foxx
50 Andes animals
52 — large extent
53 Riddle, part 3
58 Greenish-blue colors
60 Places to secure ships
61 Countless centuries
62 Be fraught with meaning
64 Student transcript fig.
65 Traveled via canoe
68 Category
69 Egypt's — Stone
73 Leech, e.g.
74 Oft-pierced body parts
79 January, to José
80 Riddle, part 4
83 Fragrant neckwear
84 Earnest attempt
86 Fish that wriggle
87 Ocean off N.C.
88 "— wrap!"
90 Soprano Jenny
91 Tacoma-to-Spokane dir.
93 F sharp's equivalent
95 End of the riddle
101 — Wee Reese
102 Concepts, in Québec
103 The Hunter in the sky
104 No-show
108 151, in old Rome
109 Indian flatbread
110 Large Sicilian volcano
114 Pinpoints
115 Riddle's answer
118 Least tight
119 Not satisfied, as needs
120 Slippery
121 Friendly pact
122 Wearing a housecoat
123 Spayed, say

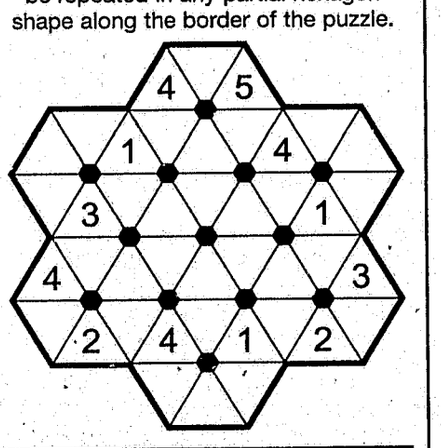
DOWN
1 Greedy mouths
2 Eight, in Germany
3 Tongue of Bangkok
4 Measure via a reagant
5 Males
6 "Michael Row the Boat —"
7 Ideal place
8 Rank below Sgt.
9 "Me Talk Pretty One Day" author David
10 The major leagues
11 "The Stupids" star Tom
12 TV scientist Bill
13 High point
14 Alluring magnetism
15 Writer Melville
16 1994 sci-fi writer's memoir
17 Coup d'— (rebellion)
18 Meadow rodent
19 Santa — (desert winds)
24 Branch of the mil.
29 They precede iotas
31 Globe-circler Nellie
33 Nutty confection
35 Cardio workout system
36 Icy home
37 Old screen star Lamarr
38 "Enough!," in El Salvador
39 Crucial
40 — Lodge (motel)
41 Minimum
42 Squeeze (in)
47 Charged, as in battle
48 Thing to hatch out of
49 Evening time
50 Cry before "No hands!"
51 Caught between — and Charybdis
54 One prodding
55 Walk very quietly
56 Exit door
57 Listened to
59 Comedian — Smirnoff
63 Buenos —, Argentina
66 Given out as deserved
67 Frankie Avalon's "— Dinah"
69 Saintly article
70 "I'm not — complain ..."
71 Earthquake
72 Attach
75 Hole-making tool
76 Blues street of Memphis
77 "Cómo —?"
78 Sodium
81 Country singer Milsap
82 — -do-well
85 Most speedy
89 Mollify
91 Baby female sheep
92 "Forget it!"
93 Mop & —
94 Diplomacy
96 Pre-Easter
97 Dance music genre
98 Hawaiian coffee
99 Speechified
100 Music ending
104 Everyone, in Germany
105 Great benefit.
106 Local near a loch
107 Punta del —, Uruguay
111 Candy bar from Mars
112 Actress Campbell
113 Sacked out
115 Mangy mutt
116 British corp. designation
117 They precede xis



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	6		8					5
2				7	6		4	
		1		5		9		
		3			9	2		4
8			7				5	
	4			3		1		
	1	9			5	7		
	5		3					2
3				8			6	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze solution

ANSWERS:

Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

9	6	4	8	1	2	3	7	5
2	3	5	9	7	6	8	4	1
7	8	1	4	5	3	9	2	6
1	7	3	5	6	9	2	8	4
8	9	2	7	4	1	6	5	3
5	4	6	2	3	8	1	9	7
4	1	9	6	2	5	7	3	8
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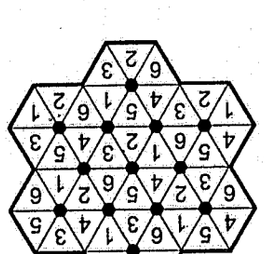
3	2	7	1	8	4	5	6	9

SNOWFLAKES solution



Super Crossword — Answers

SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
1. Fragile; 2. Urbane; 3. Stout; 4. Augment
FURNITURE

CryptoQuip answer
At my famous poetry slam, I make each participant eventually take a turn for the verse.

Why are baseball players like songwriters?
Because they all want big hits.

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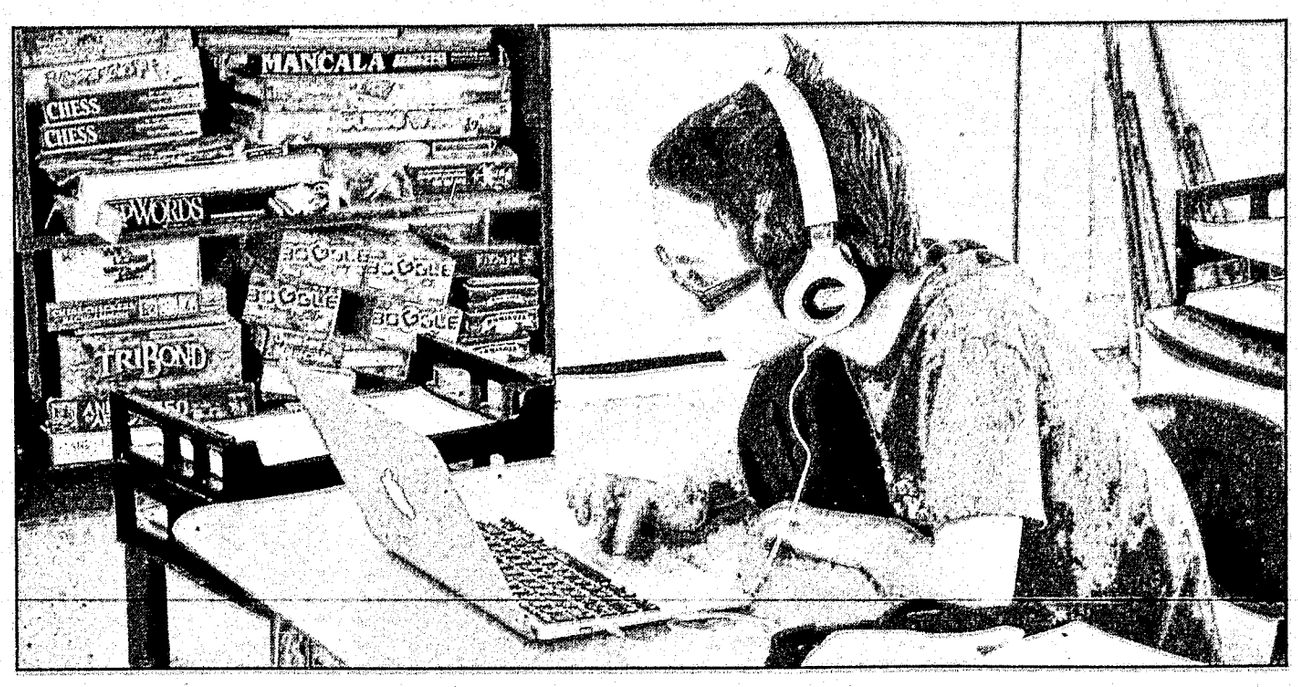
WMSC Brown Bag Lunch Program

The Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) serves primarily its member population of over-50-year-olds, but also has developed a rich tradition of reaching out to a wider community with free sessions open to the public. One of these programs, the Brown Bag Lunch Series, is always participatory and has a facilitator to keep things moving, but not a presenter. Participants bring a bag lunch to these informal sessions. Topics have ranged from global issues to very local, and the upcoming session is purely for fun.

"Replaying the 60's" will be at the Bethel Inn Library on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 12:15-1:30 p.m., and the public is invited. How do YOU remember the 60's – as a child? a teen? a college student? a newly-wed? In the manner of a Pub "Trivia Night," we will intersperse the 60's edition of Trivial Pursuit with other musical and visual playful pokes into the significance of that decade in our history. Join us for a purely fun time with our memories – and don't forget your bag lunch.

We need to set up adequate chairs in the facility so we'd like your RSVP. By Jan. 23, please contact Nancy Davis if you plan to attend (381-1110, nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com).



AN HOUR OF CODE-Telstar Middle School recently participated school wide in the Hour of Code as a part of the National Technology Week activities. Kelley Fraser set the event up, and the entire school worked through a Star Wars activity. Then those who wanted to went on to other activities in coding through websites provided. "Students and staff alike were very engaged and enthusiastic about their coding and the games they were able to create in that hour," said Principal Mark Kenney. Here, sixth-grader Lily Wind works on coding. *Submitted photo*

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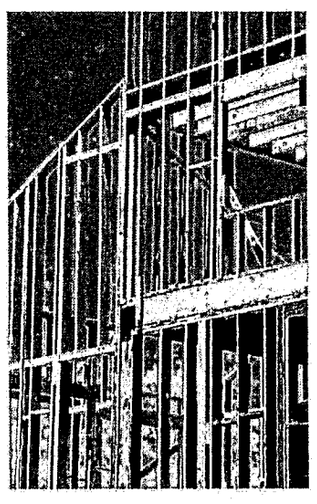

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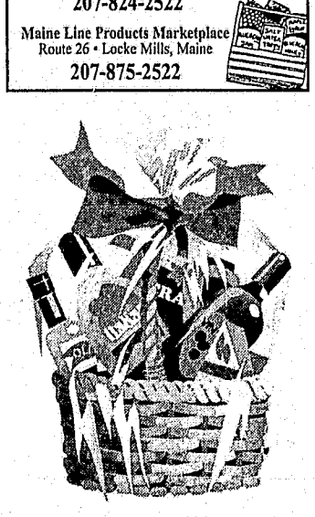

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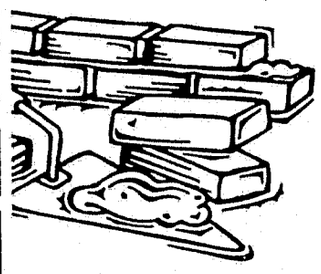

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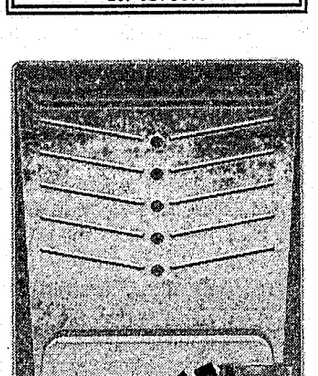

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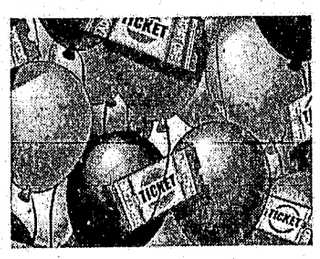

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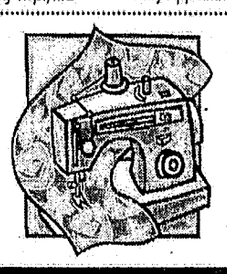

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Health Trend forum at Telstar Jan. 23

Growing concern over alcohol and drug abuse as well as obesity rates, diabetes, smoking and a range other health indicators will be the topic of community forums held across Oxford County aimed at helping area hospitals, the Oxford County Wellness Collaborative, and other area healthcare providers draw up plans for making their communities healthier. Community members are invited to participate in the forums and lend their voices to a discussion about health priorities.

A partnership of Maine's largest health care providers and the state has released its report card on how Maine is progressing on a host of factors that contribute to overall public health. Now it is up to community health care providers and community partners to come up with plans for making improvements in public health based on the data and public input.

An important part of that planning process is a series of forums scheduled throughout the state. These gatherings are meant to give community members a chance to respond to the report card, known as the 2015 Shared Community Health Needs Assessment.

This detailed report is produced every three years and contains data for each Maine county as well as the state as a whole. Maine is unusual in that health care organizations here have banded together along with the state to track health trends and facilitate a dialogue on how to make improvements, something that is required under federal law.

The Maine Shared Health Needs Assessment and Planning Process Project is a collaborative of Central Maine Health Care, Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems, MaineGeneral Health, MaineHealth and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. It is working with Stephens Memorial Hospital and Rumford Hospital, which are MaineHealth and Central Maine Health Care members, respectively, to gather community input. The Oxford County Wellness Collaborative is working with the hospitals to coordinate Forums in multiple locations:

Telstar High School, Bethel, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jan. 23 (snow date Jan. 30)

Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Jan. 25 (snow date Feb. 1)

Mountain Valley High School, Rumford, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 2 (snow date Feb. 9)

Members of the public are invited to participate in any of the forums. At the events, the health data will be presented and a conversation will follow about health needs – including what the data identifies and what community members perceive as needs and priorities. These discussions will be used to aid the hospitals and the Wellness Collaborative in making plans to improve health.

"This is an excellent opportunity for people in our community to help set priorities when it comes to making lives better here," said Carl Costanzi, Oxford County 5-2-1-0 Let's Go Coordinator.

Free refreshments and childcare will be provided at each event. The Wellness Collaborative is able to offer help with travel cost reimbursements, and reimbursement forms will be available at all of the forums. Attendance is free, but registration is requested, especially of those who plan to make use of the free childcare so that enough providers can be on hand. To register, call 739-6222.

If a forum needs to be postponed due to winter weather, cancelation notices will be posted on Channels 6 and 13, and the Oxford County Wellness Collaborative Facebook page (www.facebook.com/oxfordcwc).

EAGLE SCOUTS-Owen Daniel Richmond (left) and Keith Crockett-Harrington of Troop 565 Bethel show the Eagle Sign after having received their Eagle Award at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor held on Jan. 6 at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. Both Scouts achieved well over the 21 required merit badges to achieve Eagle Scout Rank. Richmond's Eagle Service Project was Trail Improvements at Bucks Ledge in Woodstock in 2015 and Harrington's Eagle Service Project was the 2014 construction of the Hanover Picnic Pavilion located between the Town Office and Gardner Roberts Memorial Library. Over 100 family and friends were present as Scoutmasters Dean Richmond and Tom Deluca led the ceremony and presented each of the young men with their Eagle Award. Members of Troop 565 including Brendon Stearns, Dylan Richmond, Kory Crockett-Harrington and Carter and Bryce Richmond participated in the ceremony. Nancy Stearns, mother of Eagle Scout Brendan Stearns, read the Eagle Mother's Poem and Eagle Scout Marcello Deluca read The Eagle Scout Poem. District Representative Fran Head and spokespersons for Sen. Susan Collins and Rep. Bruce Poliquin each recognized the two new Eagle Scouts with presentations of American flags and other gifts. The Eagle Scout Rank is the highest rank of the Boy Scouts of America and the title of "Eagle Scout" is held for life. Only 5 percent of Boy Scouts achieve this honorable rank.

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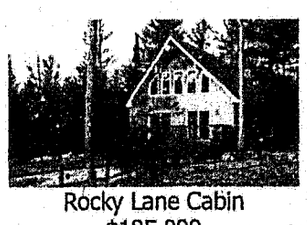
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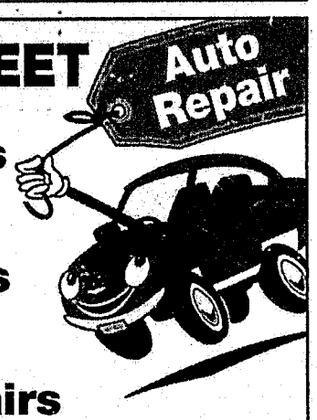
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Obituaries

EDITH C. SMITH

Edith C. Smith, 84, of Bethel passed away Friday, Jan. 1 at Ledgeview Living Center. She was born in East Bethel on Nov. 25, 1931 the daughter of Benjamin and Gladys Bartlett Tyler. She graduated from Gould Academy in 1949 and married Homer Smith, Jr. on July 3, 1952. She had been employed at Bethel Savings Bank but she worked most of her career at Newton & Tibbetts, retiring in 1992. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Bethel. She enjoyed working in the garden, feeding and watching birds, picking flowers in the spring and berries in the summer. Especially blueberries. She could identify any wildlife. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Homer of Bethel; her children Larry J. Smith and his wife Sally, Kerry A. Smith and his wife Diahnn, Bruce E. Smith and his wife Judy, Douglas L. Smith and his wife Terri, Christine A. Dame and her husband Bryan, Dennis E. Smith and his partner Lisa Boivin, and Andrew W. Smith and his wife Shannon; grandchildren Zack, Mary, Daniel, Jack, Matthew, Michael, Rochelle, Roxanne, Tim, Adam, Matthew, Bret, Kaylee, Micaela, and Hannah; many great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; four brothers; one sister; two grandsons Cody Smith and Shawn Smith. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. at Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel. Spring interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Mundt-Allen American Legion Post 81, PO Box 618, Bethel, Maine 04217.

SHERIDAN V. THORNTON

Mr. Sheridan V. Thornton, 77, died Wednesday Jan. 6, 2016 in Rumford. He was a resident of Route 232 in Rumford.

Born in Rumford on March 12, 1938, Sheridan (Sher) was the son of Howard and Barbara (Wentworth) Thornton. He attended Rumford Schools. Sher and his brother Charles owned and operated Thornton Farms in Rumford Corner since 1959. They were known for raising chickens, tree farming and excavating. He was also a local Bus Driver for SAD 43 for over 44 years. Sher also plowed multiple roads for the towns of Rumford and Milton.

He was a longtime volunteer Fireman for the Rumford Point Fire Department. He loved working with heavy equipment which included putting in septic systems and plowing roads and driveways. He also loved spending time at his camp in Poland on Tripp Lake.

He was married in Rumford on Dec. 12, 1959 to Jeannine Cloutier who survives of Rumford. Other survivors include a son Glenn Thornton and his wife Kristine Dorer of Scarborough; a daughter, Lisa McReavy and her companion Brian Edwards of Hermon; two granddaughters, Shaelyn and Meagan Thornton of Scarborough; Lisa's stepchildren Misty Slomienski of Lincoln and Jared McReavy of Lee; a brother, Charles of Rumford and many nieces and nephews.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meaderandson.com.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 10 at the Meader & Son Funeral Home in Rumford, with Rev. Jane C. Rich officiating. Interment in the spring will be in the Abbotts Mill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those who desire may contribute to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital 22 Bramhall Street Portland, Maine 04102 in his memory.

Waterford Library News

What we've done:

The Waterford Library had a very busy fall this year. The library's Sound of Music Sing Along movie was a huge success. Many patrons attended, dressed in costume, and enjoyed brats, beer and lots of singing.

Waterford's Trunk or Treat started at the Waterford library with spooky stories, costumes and lots of treats. Our youngest patrons then moved on the the village green for Trunk or Treat and finally a Halloween party at the Wilkins House. Fun was had by all that attended and everyone agreed it was the best village Halloween yet.

The Waterford Library is very thankful to Norway Savings Bank and the Waterford Library Coffee Cafe for donating the funds needed to present the Hampstead Stage Theater to the Waterford Memorial School and Harrison Elementary. Approximately 320 students and staff were treated to a stage presentation of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis.

What we are doing:

Let's Talk About It! This series is sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council and hosted by Waterford Library. The series will be moderated by Libby Bischof, Ph.D.. This is a free event and all materials will be provided. We have a limited number of books, so please try to pick up your copy of the first book as soon as possible. Please have the first book read by 1/16/16 for our first meeting

The Civil War: Biographies An in-depth, personal view of life during the Civil War era.

1/16/16, 1 p.m. My Bondage and My Freedom by Frederick Douglass

2/13/16, 1 p.m. With Malice Toward None: The Life of Abraham Lincoln by Stephen Oates

3/12/16, 1 p.m. Collected Black Women's Narratives ed. Anthony G. Barthelemy

4/9/16, 1 p.m. Judah P. Benjamin: The Jewish Confederate by Eli Evans

5/7/16, 1 p.m. Portraits of American Women ed G.J. Barker-Benfield and Catherine Clinton

On each above date we will meet and receive the new book. We will meet every 4 weeks to discuss the last book and receive a new one.

Ongoing programs:

Weekly Events:

Monday: Knitting, 2 p.m., all skill levels and other hand crafts are welcome.

Wednesdays: Minecraft Club 6 pm, ages 6+, Terreria is played as well.

Fridays: Coffee Shop, 9 a.m., have coffee with your friends and neighbors.

Monthly Events:

-Adult Coloring Night, last Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., refreshments are welcome. All coloring materials will be supplied by the library.

-Book Discussion, fourth Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.

-Mystery Book Club, second Wednesday of the month, 4 p.m.:

What's ahead:

A homeschooling parent is starting a homeschooling group that will meet at the library. If you are interested in joining please call the library.

Volunteers are needed! There are a lot of ways to help your village library. Ways you can help: circulation desk, shelving books, being a trustee, server at the coffee cafe, host an event, shovel snow, building maintenance, start a new program, host a Storytime, host a Summer Reading Program, write grants, make a donation, plan a fundraiser and many more. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the library and get started! Training is available for the circulation desk.

When cleaning out your barn and closets and have something of value that you want to part with please consider donating the item to the library's auction fundraiser next year.

For more information on the library and its programs please see our website, waterford.lib.me.us, "LIKE" us on Facebook or call the library at 583-2050.

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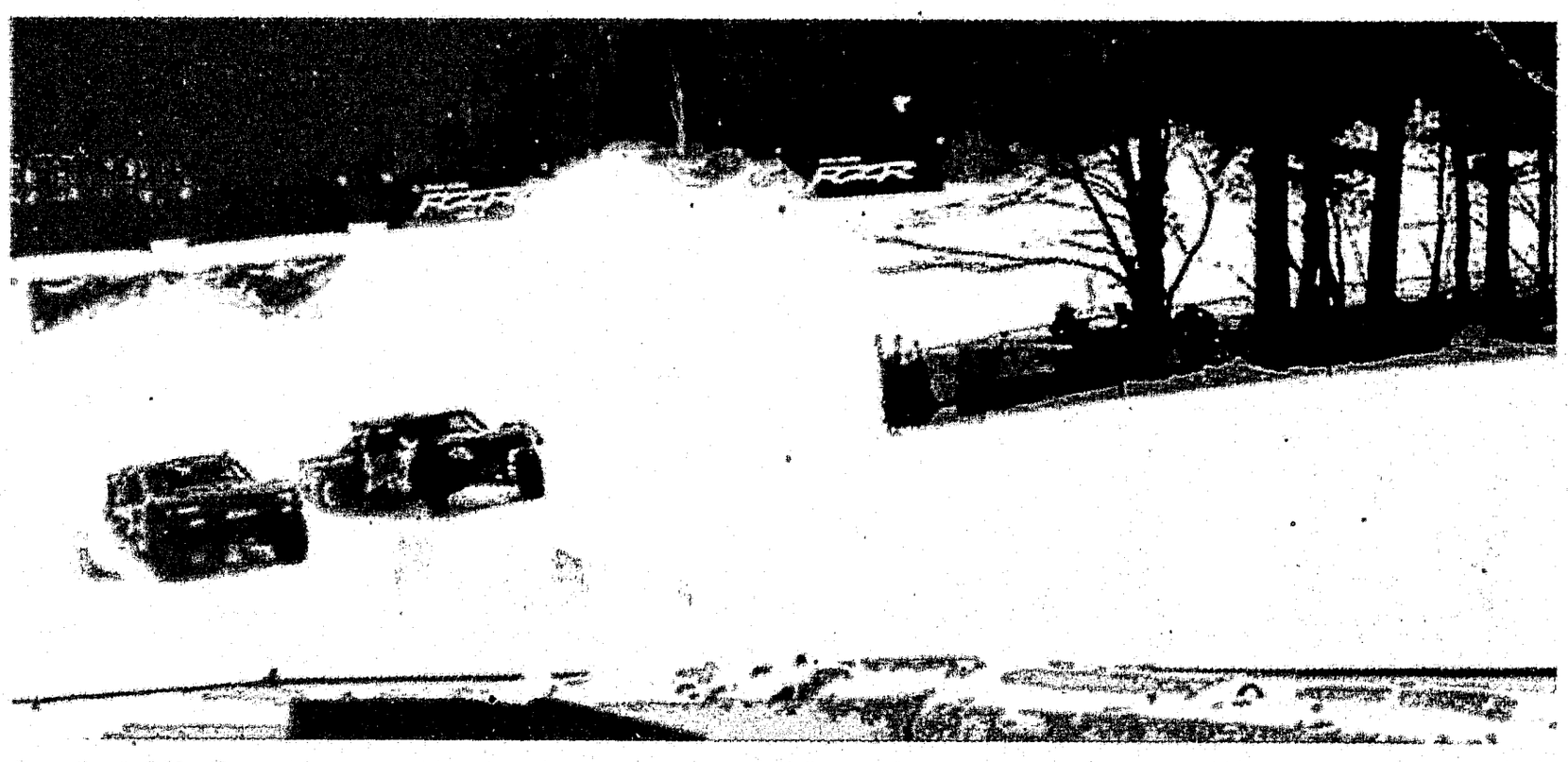

An estimated 10,000 spectators turned to watch the third annual Red Bull Frozen Rush at Sunday River Resort Friday. Here, Bryce Menzies, left, and Ricky Johnson race neck-and-neck heading into the second lap of the finals. Menzies won the race; Johnson was second. Rob MacCachren finished third.

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Births

Friel

Matt Friel and Tara Nean of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Carver Redmond Friel, born on Jan. 7, 2016 at 5:36 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 10 pounds 4 ounces.

Carver joins a brother, Quinlan Friel, age 4.

Mosley

Matt and Devin Mosley of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Samuel Edwin Mosley, born on Dec. 24, 2015 at 3:36 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Dave and Judy MacDonald of Hanover.

Paternal grandparents are Dan and Becky Mosley of Norway.

Prime Time Ski Club News

The Prime Time Ski Club's winter season is well underway with more than 30 members meeting daily at North Peak Lodge these first few weeks of the new year. One of our more senior members (80+ years old) drove from Massachusetts to be one of the first to ski Sunday River when the resort opened in October. A few other members started skiing around Thanksgiving and reported very enjoyable spring-like conditions during early December thanks to Sunday River's top-notch snowmaking crew and groomers. Even if current conditions are not the best, a good number of club members continue to ski every day, managing to find the trails that have the best skiing.

The Prime Time social season for the winter is also underway, starting with a December pot luck dinner that had a great attendance despite the fact that most members were not skiing yet. This month there is another pot luck dinner planned as well as a game night, a gathering to meet and mingle with new members and many activities as part of the mountain's Go50 Week. Social activities for the off-season also continue to expand beyond the popular four-day trip to Bar Harbor. This summer, members enjoyed a number of kayaking, biking and hiking outings around the Bethel area as well as southern Maine. The club ended last year with around 145 members, some of which do not ski but enjoy the social activities or have a spouse/significant other who skis. For more information about our ski club and a list of scheduled activities and other perks, check out our web site at www.primetimeskiclub.com.

Some of our members took a break from skiing last week to watch the Red Bull Frozen Rush 2016 trials on Thursday and the championship race on Friday when they witnessed the world's best off-road truck drivers compete on Sunday River's South Ridge ski area on a custom course of jumps, berms and other snow features. A few members also got to try free samples of Red Bull energy drink from the sponsor of the event. However, there is no report yet on how much energy the drink provided our "mature" members. Frozen Rush 2016 will be broadcast on NBC-TV Jan. 30, providing great national exposure for Sunday River. You can also watch the race on your computer anytime at www.redbulltv.com.

In the meantime, if you're looking for someone to ski with, remember that The Prime Time Ski Club motto is "No one needs to ski alone." Club members meet every weekday at Peak Lodge between 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on the upper level, right side, just beyond the bar. After a brief time for announcements and sharing information on where the best skiing is for the day, members (who must be 50 years or older) usually break into small groups of from four to eight skiers, based primarily on skiing ability and terrain preference. Start the new year right by showing up at Peak Lodge and skiing a few runs with us. Find out where the best skiing is and make some new friends along the way.

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